

OAKHAM TOWN REPORT



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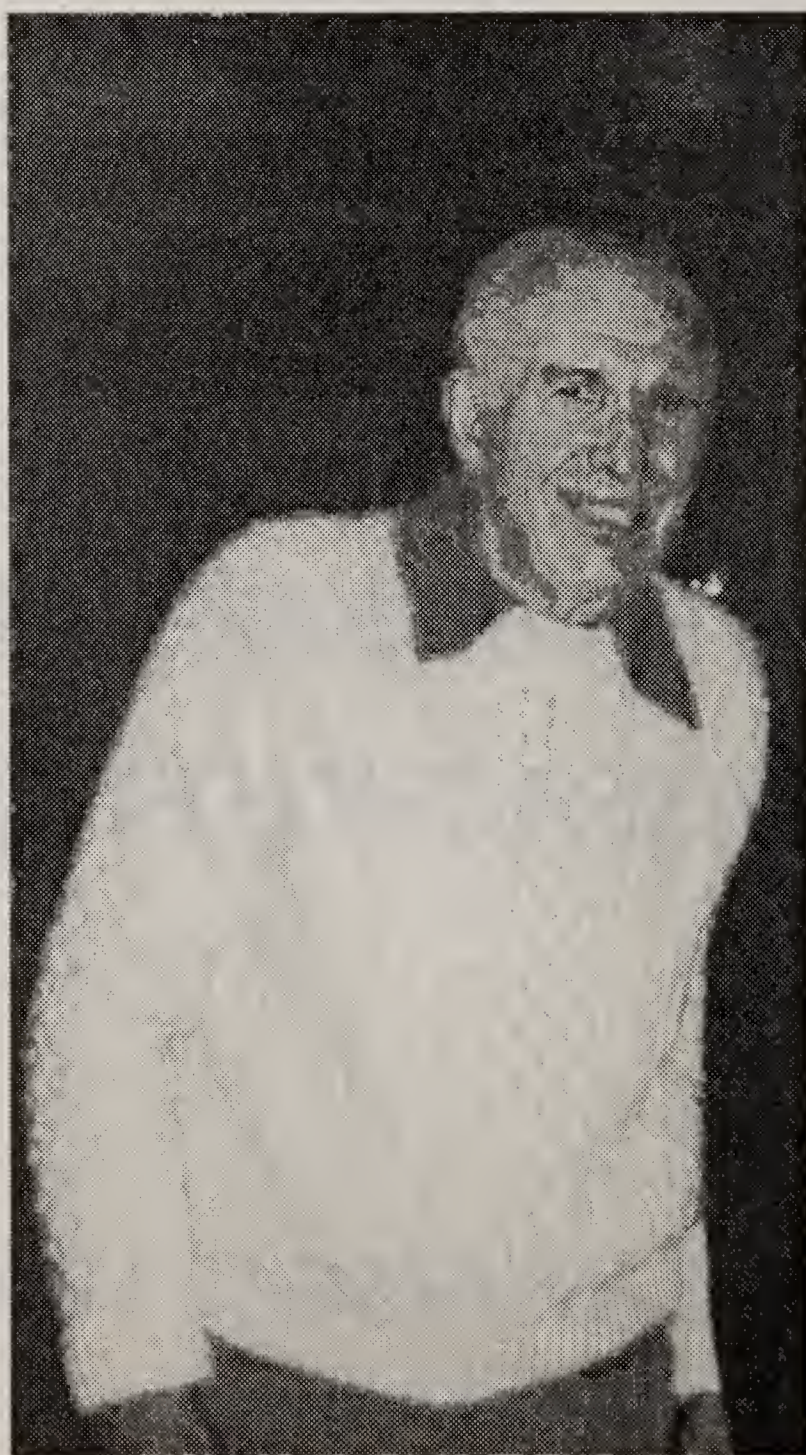
ANNUAL REPORT
of the
TOWN OFFICERS, DEPARTMENTS
BOARDS *and* COMMITTEES
for the
TOWN OF OAKHAM,
MASSACHUSETTS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

July 1, 2001

to

June 30, 2002



ANNUAL TOWN REPORT DEDICATION

This year's town report is dedicated to **Aubrey March**.

W. Aubrey D. March was born March 13, 1914 in Lady Cove, Random Island, Trinity Bay, Newfoundland. He came to Massachusetts with his family when he was 10 years of age.

Aubrey has 3 sons, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was married twice, his last marriage to Dorothea March lasted 46 years till she passed in August 2002. He has lived in Oakham for most of his life.

He is a self-taught man of many talents. An active and inquisitive gentleman able to rise to any challenge. If you had anything in need of fixing – he was your man. He worked on many houses in town, especially helping senior citizens who could not afford the going contractor's price. Aubrey was right there to do it for a price they could afford. He also was involved in most renovations to town property. He was very instrumental to the renovations done in the church; including the wall lights, the chandelier and the organ. He also restored the old Parsonage on Maple Street.

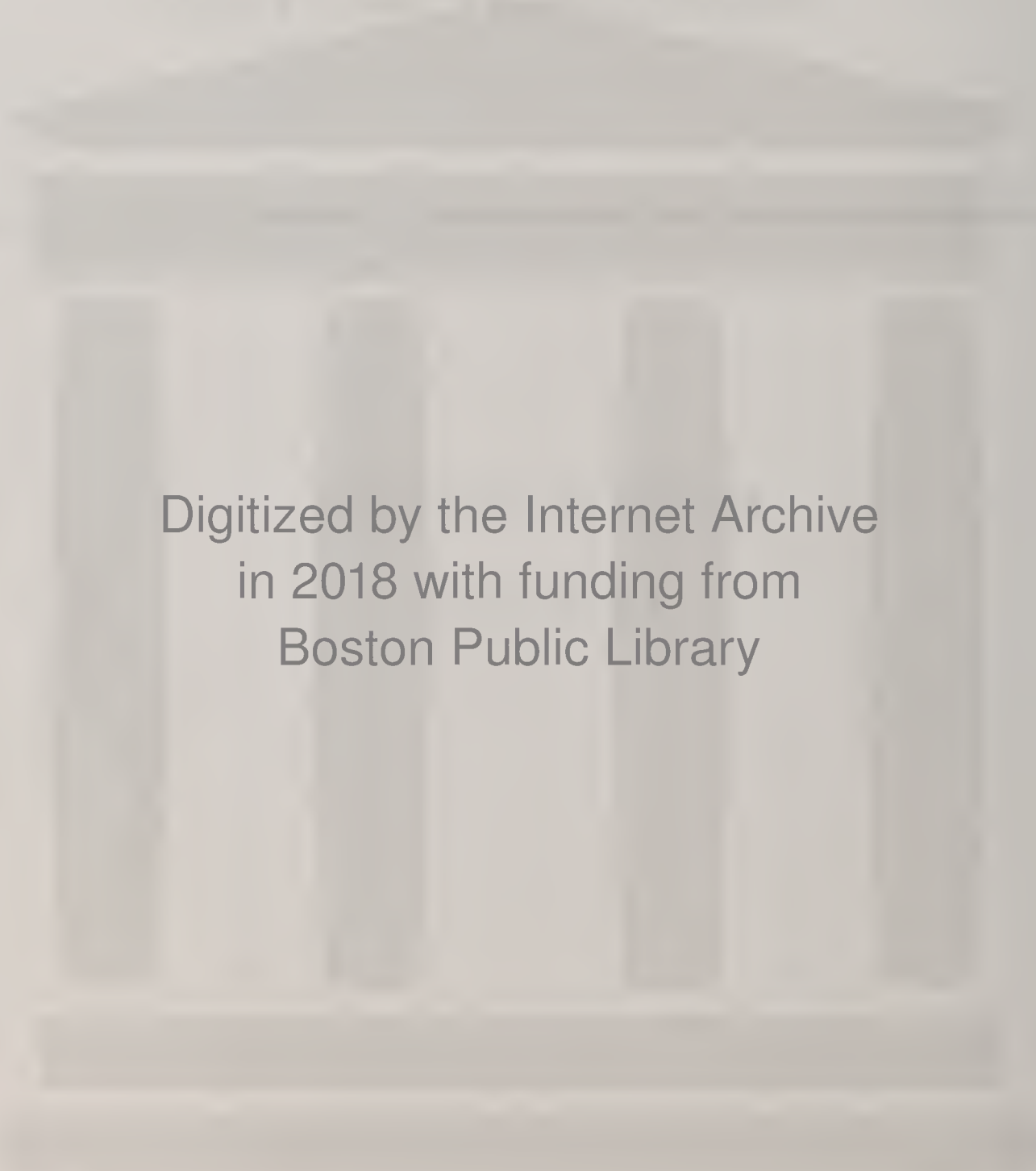
He is an arborist and a conservationist and has always been interested in gardening. With 2 green thumbs and 8 green fingers, he could make any plant or tree grow and bloom to its fullest. He enjoys good music, is well read and is quite the talented amateur artist. His home is filled with many landscapes from the mountains to the sea.

He served on the Board of Trustees for the church, was on the Cemetery Commission and on the Planning Board of which he was chairperson. While on the Planning Board, Aubrey was a leading force in changing the zoning by-laws to the current acreage and footage requirements. We thank him for his insight, persuasiveness and the determination used to preserve the beauty of our town.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT ~~
ADMINISTRATION

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TOWN CLERK



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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

"We will never forget"

. On September 11, 2001 we were saddened and shocked by the events that took place over the skies in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C. We would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute both to the victims of 9-11-01 and to all the brave men and women who serve our great country each and every day so we can all enjoy our freedom.

God Bless America

The Board of Selectmen and all other town boards, committees and officers do hereby submit their annual reports to you for the period July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002.

The first major project of the fiscal year was the resurfacing of East Hill Road. This was the largest Highway Department undertaking to date.

The Town Hall boiler was slated for replacement, consultants were hired to assess the situation and prepare blueprints and bid specifications.

Within days of September 11, 2001 a light was purchased to illuminate the American flag that hangs from the Town Hall.

In January 2002, Senator Stephen Brewer presented an American flag to the town that he dedicated to Hank Stone in honor of his sacrifice and service to his country as a P.O.W. during World War II. The flag now hangs outside the Town Hall

Through the generosity of Maude Arnold and family, the town purchased the Old Schoolhouse property on Old Turnpike Road. A vital part of Oakham's history will now be preserved. The Old Schoolhouse Property Committee was formed to recommend and oversee the preservation and maintenance of the property.

In May we said good-bye to Police Chief David Galena who retired after 9 years of service to the town and Board of Selectmen Chairman, Bob Leary who stepped down after serving many years as a Selectman. Senator Stephen Brewer returned to the town hall and presented Bob with a citation in recognition of his dedication and years of service to the town. Jeffrey Young was elected to the Board to fill the open seat.

We also welcomed our new Police Chief Donald Haapakoski who brings with him many years of experience and professionalism to the job.

We wish to thank all the Town Employees, Boards, Committees, Officers and especially the Volunteers who serve the Town of Oakham and make it a great place to live and grow.

A special thanks to Peter Joyce who has unsolicited since September 11, 2001 raised and lowered both the American flag and the P.O.W. flag on the town flagpole that stands beside the Veterans memorial outside of the Church.

Respectfully Submitted,

Timothy Toomey, Chairman
Clayton Rice, Vice Chairman
Jeffrey Young, Clerk

APPOINTED POSITIONS

POSITION	NAME	TERM EXPIRATION
Board of Registrars	Susan Carpenter	2003
	Maude Stone	2003
	Lucy Tessnau	2003
	Christine Mardirosian	2003
Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer	Joe Sansoucy	2003
Conservation Commission	Lucy Tessnau	2007
	C. Joyce Megarry	2004
	Mark Stellato	2006
	Mark Blanchard	2003
	Donald Jodray	2005
Council on Aging	Michelle Rutman	2005
	Betty Gaidanowicz	2003
	Natalie Sokol	2006
	Bill Kirkman	2005
	Ann Troy	2007
Cultural Council (Arts Council)	Linda Webster-Drake	2004
	Judy Lane	2004
	Kyle Carey	2003
	Josie Deschamps	2004
	Celeste Goodhue	2003
	Pat Szafarowicz	2003
Dog Officer	Angela Coates)	2003
Emergency Management Director	Glenn Mardirosian	2003
Fire Chief	Richard Howe	2003
Harassment Officer	Donna Couture	2003

POSITION	NAME	TERM EXPIRATION
Historical Commission	Jeff Young	2003
	Maude Stone	2003
	Wesley Dwelly	2003
Library Building Committee	Susan Turnbull	2003
	Lionel Lajoie (resigned) <i>PETER JOYCE</i>	2003
	Ralph Dwelly	2003
	Timothy Toomey	2003
	Susan Meyer	2003
Library Trustee	Susan Turnbull	2003
Plumbing Inspector	Byron Carpenter	2003
Recycling Coordinator	Nancy Richards	2003
Town Accountant	Donna Couture	2003
Town Council	Robert J. Cox,	2003
	Bowditch & Dewey	
Veterans Agent	William Mucha	2003
Wire Inspector	Denis delaGorgendiere	2003
Wire Inspector Assistant	L. Thomas McCaffrey	2003
Zoning Board of Appeals	Gunther Mueller	2003
	Lucy Tessnau	2004
	Carol Spinney	2005
Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate	Leo McCaffrey	2003

POSITION	NAME	TERM EXPIRATION
Old Schoolhouse Committee	Joe Sancoucy	2003
	Wesley Dwelly	2003
	Ken Housman	2003
	Marcia Casault	2003
	Clayton Rice	2003
Police Chief	David I. Galena (retired)	2002
	Appointed 5/13/02 Donald Haapakoski	2003
Police Officers	Sgt. Michael Sweet	2002
	Sgt. Tom Lee	2002
	Officer Arthur Zorge	2002
	Officer Fred Gehring	2002
	Officer Michael Higgins	2002
	Officer Heather Welsh	2002
	Officer Kevin Lebreton	2002
	Officer Phillip Jackson	2002
	Officer Robert Orne	2002
	Officer Tim Sherbloom	2002
	Officer Art O'Connell Drug K9	2002
	Officer William McCaffrey	2002
	Officer Jonathan Thomas	2002
Special Police Officers	Chief Joseph Baril	2002
	Sgt. Richard Salls	2002
	Officer Ronald Friberg	2002
	Officer Michael Stoddard	2002
	Officer Jason Silvestri	2002
	Chief James Thompson	2002
	Officer Nancy Stoddard	2002
	Officer James Murray K9	2002
	Sgt. John Agnew	2002
	Officer Kim Healy	2002
	Officer Pat Babin	2002
	Officer Mike Sweet Jr.	2002
	Officer Art O'Connell Drug K9	2002

POSITION	NAME	TERM EXPIRATION
Special Police Officers	Officer John Manzi, Jr.	2002
	Officer Charles Sabine	2002
	Officer Kevin White	2002
	Chief Henry Marsh	2002
	Lt. Dennis Minner	2002
	Sgt. Sue Mulliken	2002
	Officer James Ayotte	2002
Fire Officers	Chief Richard Howe	2002
	Asst. Chief Gary LeBlanc	2002
	Dep. Chief Tom Snay	2002
	Capt. Jeff Nahkala	2002
	Lt. Tom McCaffrey	2002
	Lt. Ray Duffy EMT	2002
Firefighters	Bruce Ware EMT	2002
	Don Apholt	2002
	Tom Hoffey	2002
	Joe Landyn	2002
	Lirk Sampson	2002
	Glen Mardirosian	2002
	David Skowyra	2002
	Mike Girardi	2002
	Randy Packard	2002
	Nate Rollins	2002
	George Smichinski	2002
	(Resigned) Tim Toomey	2002
EMTs	Ann Friberg	2002
	Shelley Lam	2002
	Dianne Petrone	2002
	Tom Petrone	2002
	Robert Tefft	2002
	Donna Kenny	2002
	Jim Rollins	2002

Appointments by the Town Moderator

Finance Committe

- Larry Biro
- Daniel Haynes
- William Storie
- Mama Mucha
- Randall Packard

Parks and Recreation

- Tom McCaffrey
- Christopher Goodhue
- Christine Mardirosian
- Christine Toomey
- John Capone

TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk's office is open on Mondays from 9:00-11:30 a.m. and on Thursday evenings from 6:00-7:30 p.m. I am available to help with hunting and fishing licenses, registering to vote and provide copies of birth, marriage or death certificates and applications for business certificates are filed in the Town Clerk's office.

As of January 1, 2002 Oakham's Population was 1, 794.

Vital Statistics Totals, July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002

Births 15

Marriages 03

Deaths 12

Town Elected Officers

Three Year Terms

Selectmen:

Timothy Toomey	2003
Clayton Rice	2004
Jeffrey Young	2005

Assessors:

Vanessa Landyn	2003
Tabitha Tashjian	2004
Kathleen Usher	2005

Town Clerk:

Christine Mardirosian	2003
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Board of Health:

William Payne	2003
Rita Olson	2004
Linda Mueller	2005

Treasurer:

Edna Holloway	2004
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Library Trustees:

Lisa Lajoie	2003
Sarah Jordon	2004
Nancy Howe	2005

Moderator:

Christopher Goodhue	2005
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Constables:

Marcia C. Casault	2004
Edna Holloway	2004
Laurie Rosenkranz	2004
Lucy Tessnau	2004
Tabitha Tashjian	2004

Town Collector:

Susan Carpenter	2005
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Cemetery Commissions:

Maude Stone	2003
Robert Whyte	2004
Wesley Dwelly	2005

School Committee:

Richard Cushing	2003
Dr. Thomas Tasjian	2004

Tree Warden:

Richard Wilbur	2003
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Five-Year Term

Planning Board:

Nancy Pettyjohn	2003
Thomas Hughes	2004
Philip Warbasse	2005
Peter Clifford	2006
James Barnhill	2007

Special Town Meeting Votes February 4, 2002

A quorum being present, Moderator Jeffrey Young called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Article 1: It was voted to transfer the sum of \$5,000 from Free Cash for Legal fees.

Article 2: It was voted to transfer the sum of \$2,400 from Free Cash for Fire Department Training.

Article 3: It was voted to transfer the sum of \$1,000 from Free Cash for the Board of Selectmen Advertising Costs.

Article 4: It was voted to transfer \$850.89 from Free Cash for a Fiscal 2001 Legal Fees Invoice in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 64.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Annual Town Meeting May 13, 2002

Moderator Jeffrey Young called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Article 1: It was voted that the town postpones the Annual Town Meeting until June 17, 2002.

It was passed unanimously on a voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at 7:32.

Annual Town Meeting Votes June 17, 2002

A quorum being present, Moderator Christopher Goodhue called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Article 1: It was voted to accept the reports of town officers as printed in the Annual Town Report.

Article 2: It was voted to elect Nancy Dahn and Eva Grimes as Field Drivers for the ensuing year.

Article 3: It was voted to hear the results of the election of Town Officers held in May.

Article 4: It was voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town as provided for by Section 108, Chapter 4 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth as follows.

Moderator	150
Board of Selectmen	4,000
Treasurer	5,835
Town Collector	6,520
Assessors	3,520
Town Clerk	4,185
Library Trustees	50

*same 2003
for 2004*

Cemetery Commissioners	75
Board of Health	300

Article 5: It was voted to approve having a member of the Board of Assessors designated as Working Assessor and fix the rate of pay at \$16.40 per hour.

Article 6: It was voted to approve having one or more of the Board of Assessors designated as Clerk and fix the rate of pay at \$12.30 per hour.

Article 7: It was voted to raise and appropriate a sum of money, and appropriate \$29,350 from Ambulance Receipts Reserved for appropriation as is necessary to pay salaries, expenses, and outlays of the several departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002.

OPERATING BUDGET

DEPARTMENT	FY2003 FINCOM RECOMMENDED
Board of Health	
Salaries, Elected	300
Expense	850
Recycling Coordinator	300
Sub-Total	<u>1,450</u>
Cemeteries	
Salaries, Elected	75
Expense	3,000
Sub-Total	<u>3,075</u>
Library	
Salaries, Elected	50
Salaries, Part-Time	12,500
Expense	13,062
Sub-Total	<u>25,612</u>
Historical Commission	
Expense	100
Sub-Total	<u>100</u>
Cultural Council	<u>200</u>
Parks and Recreation	
Expense	5,250
Sub-Total	<u>5,250</u>

Education	
Quabbin Regional School Assessment	913,653
Quabbin Reg. School Bond Payment	127,820
Vocational School Assessment	105,000
Sub-Total	<u>1,146,473</u>
Admin. Asst./Town Accountant	
Salary	22,275
Expense	2,449
Sub-Total	<u>24,724</u>
Board of Selectmen	
Salaries, Elected	4,000
Salaries, Part-Time	2,000
Expense	2,275
Sub-Total	<u>8,275</u>

DEPARTMENT

FY2003
FINCOM
RECOMMENDED

Insurance and Benefits	<u>88,208</u>	
Board of Assessors		
Salaries, Elected	3,520	
Salaries, Part-Time	14,000	
Expense	6,294	
Sub-Total	<u>23,814</u>	
Finance Committee		
Expense	575	
Sub-Total	<u>575</u>	
Reserve Fund	<u>15,000</u>	
^{TAX} Town Collector		
Salary, Elected	6,520	
Expense	4,250	
Sub-Total	<u>10,770</u>	11,070
Treasurer		
Salary, Elected	5,835	
Expense	2,470	
Sub-Total	<u>8,305</u>	
Debt Service		
Municipal Building	50,025	49,119
Equipment	33,100	30,314

Short Term Interest	4,000	2,000
Sub-Total	87,125	
Town Report Printing	1,500	
Town Hall		
Salaries, Part-Time	3,300	
Expense	15,400	
Cable Access	100	
Sub-Total	18,800	✓
Highway		
Superintendent Salary	42,520	43,796
Salaries and Wages	60,335	62,076
Expense	47,415	45,915
Snow and Ice	31,880	36,131
Sub-Total	182,150	187,918

DEPARTMENT

FY2003 FINCOM RECOMMENDED

Municipal Buildings Utilities	16,000	17,000
Street Lights	3,500	
Land Use		
CMRP Assessment	340	348
Conservation Commission Expense	675	625
Planning Board Expense	660	660
Zoning/Appeals Board Expense	1,278	903
Sub-Total	2,953	375
Moderator Salary	150	
Census		
Salaries, Part-Time	720	✓
Expense	1,100	✓
Sub-Total	1,820	✓
Town Clerk		
Salary, Elected	4,185	✓
Expense	1,500	✓
Sub-Total	5,685	✓
Town Elections		
Salary, Registrar	175	✓
Wages, Part-Time	1,800	✓
Expense	400	✓

Sub-Total	<u>2,375</u> ✓
Legal	
Town Counsel	12,000 14,000
Tax Title Expense	<u>500</u> 0
Sub-Total	<u>12,500</u> 14,000
Tree Warden	
Salary	200 ✓
Expense	<u>1,200</u> ✓
Sub-Total	<u>1,400</u> ✓
Dog Officer	
Salary	3,000 ✓
Supplies	<u>2,100</u> 600
Sub-Total	<u>5,100</u> 3,600

DEPARTMENT

FY2003 FINCOM RECOMMENDED

Animal Inspector	
Salary	<u>500</u> ✓
Sub-Total	<u>500</u> ✓
Ambulance	
Director Salary	2,680 2,760
Wages, Part-Time	13,390 ✓ 13,500
Expense	<u>13,750</u> ✓
Sub-Total	<u>29,820</u> 29,900
Dispatch	
Expense	<u>27,690</u> ✓
Sub-Total	<u>27,690</u> ✓
Civil Defense	<u>100</u> ✓
Fire Department	
Chief Salary	2,575 2,652
Wages, Part-Time	15,685 ✓
Expense	<u>21,630</u> ✓
Sub-Total	<u>39,890</u> 39,967
Police Department	
Chief Salary	45,000 46,300
Wages, Part-Time	23,075 27,690
Expense	<u>19,366</u> 8,500
Sub-Total	<u>87,441</u> 36,303
	103,843

Council on Aging	
Expense	4,250 ✓
Sub-Total	4,250 ✓
Veterans Services	
Salary	1,545 ✓
Expense	1,300 ✓
Sub-Total	2,845 ✓
Grand Total Article 7:	1,895,425

CONSENT WARRANT

The Consent Warrant is intended to expedite the business of Town Meeting by combining routine, non-controversial and predictable articles and seeking in one motion approval on all articles. There will be no debate or discussion unless there is a request to remove an article to be discussed from the "Consent Warrant".

TOWN OF OAKHAM CONSENT WARRANT MOTIONS

It was voted with one motion to approve Articles 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24.

- 6 Article 8: Borrowing in anticipation of revenue
- 7 Article 9: Transfer proceeds of Cemetery Lots
- 8 Article 10: Transfer money paid for Perpetual Care
- 9 Article 11: Accept State Library Grant
- 10 Article 12: Authorize Selectmen to enter into agreement with Mass. DPW
- 11 Article 13: Authorize Selectmen to set compensation
- 12 Article 14: Authorize Treasurer to spend Highway Chapter 90 money
- 13 Article 15: Board of Health Fees, Chapter 53E 1/2
- 14 Article 16: Building Inspector Fees Chapter 53E 1/2
- 15 Article 17: Wire Inspections Chapter 53E 1/2
- 16 Article 18: Plumbing Inspections Chapter 53E 1/2
- 17 Article 19: Fire Inspections Chapter 53E 1/2
- 18 Article 20: Town Clerk Fees Chapter 53E 1/2
- 19 Article 21: Town Collector Fees Chapter 53E 1/2
- 20 Article 22: Deputy Town Collector Fees Chapter 53E 1/2
- 21 Article 23: Dog Officers Fees Chapter 53E 1/2
- 22 Article 24: Police Department Pistol Permit Fees Chapter 53E 1/2

Article 25: ²³ ²⁴ *Planning Board fees* *Conservation Commission fees* It was voted to accept Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ of the Mass. General Law for Planning Board Fees for the purpose of paying expenses of the Planning Board, not to exceed \$12,000.

Article 26: It was voted to accept Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ of the Mass. General Law for Conservation Commission Engineering and Advertising Fees for the purpose of paying engineering and advertising expenses of the Conservation Commission, not to exceed \$10,000.

- 35 Article 27: It was voted to hear the report of the Library Building Committee.
- Article 28: It was voted to transfer \$50,000 from Free Cash, for partial renovations to the Fobes Memorial Library.
- Article 29: *PASSED* It was voted to hear a report from the Coldbrook Road Property Committee, on Town acquired lots at Map 406, lot 111 and lot 112 on Coldbrook Road.
- Article 30: It was voted to change the Town of Oakham Bylaw, Chapter VI Section 2, Vacation Rules and Regulations as presented by the board of Selectmen (Passed by a 2/3 vote).
- Article 31: It was voted to approve the Zoning By-Law Revision as recommended by the Planning Board to regulate separate continuous frontages totaling 300 feet for new single-family lots, and 400 feet for new two-family lots (Passed by a 2/3 vote).
- Article 32: It was voted to approve the Zoning By-Law Revision as recommended by the Planning Board to require at least 65 percent of the area of new 3-acre single family lots and new 4-acre two-family lots to be contiguous upland area, to be acceptable as buildable lots (Passed by a 2/3 vote).
- Article 33: It was voted to move that the town vote to approve the Zoning By-Law Revision as recommended by the Planning Board to regulate lot proportions of new 3-acre single-family lots and new 4-acre two-family lots (Passed by a 2/3 vote).
- Article 34: It was voted to approve the Zoning By-Law Revision as recommended by the Planning Board to permit Retreat Lots with an area of ten or more acres but no-complying frontage, each submittal to be reviewed on a case by case basis, with separate public hearings, by the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Conservation Commission, and the Planning Board, such lots once approved not to be divided (Passed by a 2/3 vote).
- Article 35: It was voted to approve the Zoning By-Law Revision as recommended by the Planning Board to regulate common driveways for single-family residential use, by variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals (Passed by a 2/3 vote).
- Article 36: It was voted to approve the Zoning By-Law Revision as recommended by the Planning Board to clarify non-conforming uses (Passed by a 2/3 vote).
- Article 37: It was voted to approve the Zoning By-Law Revision of the soil removal bylaw as recommended by the Planning Board from 1,500 cubic yards as the Special Permit requirement, to 500 cubic yards as the Special Permit requirement, and additional submittal requirements (Passed by a 2/3 vote).
- Article 38: It was voted to transfer \$3,500 from Free Cash for the painting of the Highway Salt Shed and Dog Kennel.

- Article 39: It was voted to transfer \$1,800 from Free Cash for a Spill Prevention Control Counter Measurer, (S.P.C.C. Plan), for the Public Safety Complex.
- Article 40: It was voted to transfer \$6,260 from Free Cash for 10% of matching funds for a Federal Grant for the Fire Department.
- Article 41: It was voted to transfer \$5,040 from Free Cash for the purchase of 1,150 feet of Large Diameter Hose (4").
- Article 42: It was voted to pass over this article.
- Article 43: It was voted to turnover out dated fire equipment (excess property), stored on the second floor of the station, to the Fire Department Association so that it may be sold at auction and the proceeds used to buy new fire equipment.
- Article 44: It was voted to transfer \$2,500 from Free Cash, for Road Side Mowing Equipment Rental Costs.
- Article 45: It was voted to transfer \$12,000 from Free Cash for engineering services for the purpose of preparing plans and specifications for bidding out the Town Hall Boiler replacement.
- Article 46: It was voted to transfer \$44,000 from Free Cash for expenses related to purchasing the Old School House located at 1592 Old Turnpike Road.
- Article 47: It was voted to establish a five member Study Committee to be called the Old School House Committee, to determine possible uses for the School House, and to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen.
- Article 48: It was voted to carry over any moneys left in the Fiscal 2002 Treasurer's Foreclosure Account.
- Article 49: It was voted to transfer \$ 97,000 from Free Cash for the Stabilization Fund.
- Article 50: It was voted to appoint William Storie to the Finance Committee for three years.
- The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Results of Annual Town Election, Monday May 20, 2002

Selectmen, 3 year term

Jeffrey Young	131
Blanks	09

Assessor, 3 year term

Kathleen Usher	122
Write-ins	01
Blanks	17

Board of Health, 3 year term

Linda Mueller	125
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Town Collector, 3 year term

Susan Carpenter	128
Blanks	12

Planning Board, 5 year term

Kevin Drolet	81
Vanessa Landyn	59

Cemetery Commission, 3 year term

Write-In Wes Dwelly	13
Write-In Vanessa Landyn	5

Blanks	12	Write-In Donald Apholt	4
		Various other Write-Ins	4
		Blanks	114

<u>Library Trustee, 3 year term</u>	
Nancy Howe	128
Blanks	12

<u>Moderator, 3 year term</u>	
Christopher Goodhue	33
Write-Ins	09
Blanks	98

One Hundred forty of the 1,073 registered voters voted in the Town Election.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Mardirosian
Oakham Town Clerk

GENERAL GOVERNMENT ~~

PUBLIC SAFETY

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AMBULANCE

FIRE DEPARTMENT

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

POLICE DEPARTMENT

FIRE DEPARTMENT AMBULANCE

Richard Howe, EMT-B, Chief/Director
Ray Duffy, EMT-B, 1st Lieutenant
Robert Tefft, EMT-B, 2nd Lieutenant
Shelley Lam, EMT-P, Training Officer
Diane Petrone, EMT-B
Chris Soufleris, EMT-B
Maral Markosian, EMT-B
James Rollins, EMT-B
Bruce Ware, EMT-B

In our ongoing effort to recruit new EMT's, the department sponsored another EMT course, which was held at the Center School. Chris Soufleris and Maral Markosian both passed the state exam and have joined our squad. Unfortunately Ann Friberg and Thomas Petrone have relinquished their licenses and are no longer with us. We are told that Jim Rollins will be moving to sunny Florida in the fall and the ambulance squad will miss all three members.

As in past years the Fire Department and Police first responders have been a great help at emergencies and I wish to thank them.

We will be sponsoring another EMT course in 2003 in the hope of recruiting new EMT's.

During FY02 the Ambulance responded to 89 emergency calls, which are as follows:

- 44 – Transports
- 45 – No transports

The 89 calls also included:

- 17 – Advanced Life Support intercepts
- 5 – Mutual aid given
- 12 – Mutual aid received
- 4 – Stand by at fire scenes
- 1 – Stand by at Police scenes

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Howe, Director
Oakham Fire Department Ambulance

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The fire department has made good use of the State Firefighter Protection Grant money we received purchasing new turnout coats, pants and leather boots. The new equipment has been well received by the firefighters but only half the department was outfitted. We have applied for the Federal Firefighter Protection Grant which would outfit the rest of the department and would add more SCBA's, extra air bottles, wild land firefighting gear and a washer and dryer to maintain the new gear. We should hear in FY03 as to our success.

Captain Jeffrey Nahkala with help from firefighter Glenn Mardirosian taught the children at Oakham Center School fire safety during Fire Prevention Week. Captain Nahkala also gave a presentation at the fire station for the towns several day care centers.

During this past year the Fire Department Association presented the Fire Department with a new ventilation chain saw. This is a very specialized chain saw, which is used to cut a hole in a roof during a structure fire to evacuate smoke and hot gasses. It has a carbide chain, which will cut through any kind of roofing material, and a depth gauge to assure only the outer sheathing is cut and not the rafters.

The Fire Department responded to 80 incidences, which consist of the following:

Alarm activation	9	Mutual aid (structure fires)	5
Animal rescue	1	Power lines down	1
Brush fire	8	Rubbish fire	1
False alarm	9	Search	1
Haz-mat	2	Smoke removal	2
Lighting strikes	1	Structure fire	8
Medical assists	14	Trapped by power lines	1
Motor vehicle accident	16	Vehicle fire	1

The inspections and permits issued by the Fire Department are as follows:

28 Oil burner inspections	42 Smoke detector inspections
14 Gas bottle inspections	3 Vehicle tank permits
2 Blasting permits	1 Fireworks permit
4 Gunpowder permits	7 Oil tank removal

201 Master burning permit numbers issued
605 Open burning permits issued

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Howe
Chief of Department

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

In fiscal 2002 the Board of Selectmen after receiving all signed easements approved the highway superintendents plans for the reconstruction project for East Hill and Crawford Road. In mid September the highway department consisting of two men began setting the catch basins and replacing all the old steel cross culverts with new polyurethane pipe and rebuilding the field stone head walls. A total of nine culverts were changed, one of which had a 340ft drainage easement through the woods. In October the town hired Scott Kemp to fill the position of truck driver/laborer that enabled the department to finish all the necessary drainage before the road surface repairs could begin. In mid October, All States Asphalt began full depth reclamation and the regarding of the roadways in preparation for the base coarse of bituminous concrete (pavement) before the cold weather set in. In May the highway department constructed all the necessary sub-drainage along the sides of the roads in preparation for the finish coarse of bituminous concrete to be completed in the summer of F.Y. 2003. The total length of roadway reconstructed was 9,000 feet on East Hill Road and 2,200 feet on Crawford Road with 4,200 feet of drainage. Other work for the department consisted of cold patching, road edging, regrading of gravel roads, road sweeping, roadside mowing, lawn mowing and various maintenance projects.

Respectfully Submitted

C Kevin Currier
Highway Superintendent

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Oakham Police Department is committed to providing quality police service to the town. I have been a large supporter of the community policing philosophy and strive to operate this department so that it is responsive to the needs of the community. One area was to provide DARE classes to the Oakham Center School, which was not provided in recent years.

I have taken the past six months to evaluate the type of police service being provided to Oakham and to identify its strong points and weak points. My fiscal 2004 budget represents a solid base level police service that will allow us to address town issues and the day-to-day workload.

During this past ten months, the number of incidents and calls for service has increased. We have handled 2,051 calls and incidents over the past ten months. Below you will find a breakdown of some specific incidents:

Breaking & Entering	9	Auto Accidents	33
Vandalism	25	Fatal Accidents	2
Missing Person	3	General Disturbances	42
Sexual Assault	5	False 911 calls	17
Assault & Battery	5	Narcotics Investigations	5
Domestic Abuse	21	Burglar Alarms	34
General Police Service	45	Motor Vehicle Stops	776
Suspicious Activity	25	Disabled Vehicle Assists	27
Arrests	35	Medical/Fire Assists	50
Criminal Summonses	19	Trespassing Complaints	4

As you can see for a small community the department is fairly active. As Oakham grows with new homes and the surrounding towns grow, our department will be handling more traffic issues as well as calls for service. We need to plan for this growth and ensure that Oakham citizens are served with an effective and efficient police department.

This department has been plagued with cruiser problems and other malfunctioning equipment issues. I have been successful in seeking grants and donation to assist the department at a fraction of the cost of replacement. We were able to replace a nonfunctioning cruiser with a 2002 Chevy Blazer cruiser with the help of a local businessman, at no cost to the town. This represents a saving of \$27,000. Also, we secured a Community Policing Grant for \$10,000, Governor's Highway Safety Grant for \$7,800 (\$3,000 for equipment and \$4,800 for enforcement) and a \$15,500 grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety to install an in-house police records management system that will also be linked to the Rutland Dispatch Center. The total amount of donation and grant savings to the town is \$60,300.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Fire, Highway, School Departments, employees of Town Hall, all boards and particularly the citizens of Oakham for their continued support of this department.

Chief Donald A. Haapakoski

GENERAL GOVERNMENT ~~

HUMAN SERVICES

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ARTS COUNCIL / CULTURAL COUNCIL

BOARD OF HEALTH

BUILDING INSPECTOR/ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

COUNCIL ON AGING

LIBRARIAN

LIBRARY BUILDING COMMITTEE

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

PLANNING BOARD

PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR

VETERANS AGENT

WIRE INSPECTOR

ZONING APPEALS BOARD

ARTS COUNCIL / CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Oakham Cultural Council 2001-2002 fiscal year began September 2001 with meetings held at the Fobes Memorial Library.

The Council approved \$3,387 in grants, which included (for the library) a storytelling performance with the theme "Star Spangled Summer at your library" for the summer reading program (received rave reviews) ; Spree Day with " Caribbean for Kids", multidisciplinary project which took place April 28, 2002 along with other performances and the Annual Ball Roll; "Schaefer Shenanigans"- instruction in the art of origami also for the summer reading program; and "Mrs. Claus" at the 2001 Christmas Holiday Tea.

A grant for Oakham Center School, a multidisciplinary residency for "The Living Lodge" in which an authentic plains lodge was set up and a native Cherokee-dressed in full regalia- along with a storyteller, provided facts, legends, and stories of life for the American Indian in the 19th. Century. Also a science performance in March 2002 for all students by " Dr. Quinton Quark" on physics and chemistry done with slapstick humor.

The Cultural Council also awarded a grant to John Root for a Jazz Clinic in ear training and improvisation to the QRHS members of the Jazz Ensemble and the Swing time Quartet. The council also wrote a grant, which was approved by MCC, for a Children's Workshop and Artist/Artisan Show at the Yankee Fair.

Funding for the arts, humanities, and the interpretative sciences for the current fiscal year (2002-2003) has been cut by 30%. It was very challenging to choose the recipients for grants. Therefore, we hope the residents of Oakham read this report and realize the importance of funding. We are grateful for the \$200 the Town has awarded us each year since 2000. We will be asking the Town to contribute more so that the programs for our children and families may continue.

And as always, the Cultural Council encourages residents to consider applying for a grant in the arts, humanities, or interpretative sciences. And we also would enthusiastically welcome new members.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Morse, chair
Kyle Carey
Josie Deschamps
Celeste Goodhue
Judy Lane
Pat Szafarowicz

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health continues business as usual regarding the issuance of permits for wells, repair of existing septic systems, installation of new septic systems, food services and local campground facilities.

Nancy Johnston continues as the recycling coordinator. Once again this year Oakham participated in the annual household hazardous waste collection.

She is available to answer all questions regarding the mandatory recycling ordinance.

Nicole Crank resigned from the Board and Rita Brenner Olson has joined the Board.

Our meetings are held bi-monthly, the first and third Mondays of the month at 7:30 p.m. Please call any of the members for information or with questions.

Respectfully submitted,

William Payne
Rita Brenner Olson
Linda Mueller

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BUILDING INSPECTOR / ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

I hereby submit my report of department activity for the period July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002.

Permit breakdown:

Single family houses	23	Additions	8
Stoves	2	Change of use	2
Pools	7	Sheds	3
Certificates of Inspection	8	Barns	2
Garage	3	Repairs/Roof	21
Foundation only	1	Decks	5
Certificate of Occupancy	20		
Inspections 147			
Trainings Attended 10			
Zoning Issues Addressed 7			

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph L. Sansoucy
Inspector of Buildings

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

During fiscal year 2002 there were two cremation burials and six regular burials. One two-grave lot was sold. Mowing of all the cemeteries was carried out in the usual manner.

Respectfully submitted,

Wesley Dwelly
Maude Stone
Robert Whyte

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission held its regular meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. except for the July 4th. Holiday. That meeting was held on June 26th.

The members of the commission conducted 40 site visits and 9 hearings with 5 continuances. We mailed out 4 notice of intent forms and received 6 completed NOI and 5 requests for Determination of Applicability.

The Conservation Commission issued 1 determination of Applicability, 4 Orders of Condition, 1 Enforcement Order and 2 Certificates of Compliance.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Blanchard, chairman
Donald Jodrey, vice-chairman
Joyce Megarry, secretary
Lucy Tessnau, clerk
Mark Stellato, enforcement officer

COUNCIL ON AGING

The council on aging held its regular meetings this past year. Attending these meetings were the members of the C.O.A. and the meal site manager, Kim Elaine. The Council has been working very close with the nutrition center. We feel we have succeeded in helping to have more seniors take part in these meals. A once a month drawing was held for a free lunch, which was drawn during our monthly meetings. A few took advantage of their coupons and also continued to come for lunches.

We now have an electric lift chair at the center. Anyone needing such a chair may borrow this one. We also have walkers and bed rails for anyone in need. The Senior Center started opening every Wednesday, although there are no meals. At present we are open 1p.m.-4p.m. Coffee and pastries are provided.

Fifty one fruit baskets were sent out along with ten mixed nut baskets to all seniors 75 years of age or older. We thank Mrs. Jolin and her girl scouts Troop and Cub Scout, Kevin Ringgard with the delivery of these baskets. Also the parents for the driving the Scouts for these deliveries. Hot chocolate and cookies were served to all after the deliveries were made.

A letter was sent to the Elderbus management about treatment to one of our Seniors. The matter was quickly taken care of.

The Valentine Dinner was held February 16th. With the "Golden Aires" entertaining. We again thank the Lions Club, the Congregational Church, and the Youth Group of the Church for the making this a successful event. About 55 seniors attended.

A trip to the Flower Show in March was enjoyed by all. There was time for shopping, eating as well as enjoying the Blooms of Spring. A walking Club was also started this past year. With walking around the parking lot at Long Pond, weather permitting. There were 7 to 8 regular walkers. We will be walking again this coming spring. All ages were welcome to join the seniors. In April, a trip to the Bison Farm in Rutland was a success. Seniors enjoyed a Brown Bag Lunch provided by the council with the help of Rte. 148 Pizza. Cold drinks were donated by the Lake Dean store. Trips for the future are now being planned. The Theater in Sturbridge and a shopping spree are on the agenda for the coming year.

We are holding Bingo games on the last Friday of the month and the attendance for these games has been growing from last year. Hoping for another great year. This is a bi-monthly social event for our seniors.

The Council along with the seniors wish to thank the Town Selectmen and the Towns People that have been so supportive to our needs. To Maude Stone a special thanks go out to her for editing the Herald.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Gaidanowicz, Acting Chairperson
Natalie Sokol, Vice Chairperson
Ann Troy, Secretary
Bill Kirkman, Treasurer
Claudia Lacerte, Travel Coordinator
Michelle Rutman

Grand Total Article 5:

1,895,425

2,164,707

1,921,839

✓ Article 6:	Borrowing Authorization	Recommended
✓ Article 7-24:	Consent Calendar	Recommended
✓ Article 25:	Library Building Report	No Objection
✓ Article 26:	Fire Dept Matching Grant	Recommended
✓ Article 27:	Collector Comp Bal Agreement	Recommended
✓ Article 28:	Treasurer Comp Bal Agreement	Recommended
Article 29:	GASB-34 Compliance <i>PASS OVER</i>	Not-Recommended
✓ Article 30:	Highway Dump Truck	Recommended
✓ Article 31:	Library Lending Material	Recommended
✓ Article 32:	Transfer to Stabilization <i>\$50,000</i>	Recommended
✓ Article 33:	Carryover Treasurer Foreclosures	Recommended
<i>LOST</i> ✓ Article 34:	By-Law Change <i>7AM-7PM DOGS Rest.</i>	No Objection
✓ Article 35:	Finance Committee Appointments	No Objection

Sub-Total	12,000	16,000	14,000
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DEPARTMENT	FY2003 BUDGET	FY2004 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY2004 FINCOM RECOMMENDED
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Tree Warden			
Salary	200	200	200
Expense	1,200	1,200	1,200
Sub-Total	1,400	1,400	1,400

Dog Officer			
Salary	3,000	3,000	3,000
Supplies	2,100	600	600
Sub-Total	5,100	3,600	3,600

Animal Inspector			
Salary	500	500	500
Sub-Total	500	500	500

Ambulance			
Director Salary	2,680	2,680	2,760
Wages, Part-Time	13,390	15,037	13,390
Expense	13,750	13,850	13,750
Sub-Total	29,820	31,567	29,900

Dispatch			
Expense	27,690	27,690	27,690
Sub-Total	27,690	27,690	27,690

Civil Defense	100	600	100
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Fire Department			
Chief Salary	2,575	8,612	2,652
Wages, Part-Time	15,685	15,685	15,685
Expense	21,630	21,980	21,630
Sub-Total	39,890	46,277	39,967

Police Department			
Chief Salary	45,000	46,350	46,350
Wages, Part-Time	23,075	35,792	27,690
Expense	19,366	25,506	21,303
Sub-Total	87,441	107,648	95,343

Council on Aging			
Expense	4,250	4,250	4,250
Sub-Total	4,250	4,250	4,250

Veterans Services			
Salary	1,545	1,545	1,545
Expense	1,300	1,300	1,300
Sub-Total	2,845	2,845	2,845

103,343

DEPARTMENT

	FY2003 BUDGET	FY2004 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY2004 FINCOM RECOMMENDED
Parks and Recreation			
Expense	5,250	6,250	5,250
Sub-Total	5,250	6,250	5,250
Education			
Quabbin Regional School Assessment	913,653	1,160,391	950,200
Quabbin Regional School Bond Payment	127,820	122,054	122,054
Vocational School Assessment/Transp.	105,000	105,000	105,000
Sub-Total	1,146,473	1,387,445	1,177,254
Town Accountant			
Salary	11,000	11,000	11,000
Expense	2,449	2,449	2,449
Sub-Total	13,449	13,449	13,449
Board of Selectmen			
Salaries, Elected	4,000	4,000	4,000
Salaries, Part-Time	13,275	13,000	13,000
Expense	2,275	2,475	2,475
Sub-Total	19,550	19,475	19,475
Insurance and Benefits	88,208	79,416	79,345
Board of Assessors			
Salaries, Elected	3,520	3,520	3,520
Salaries, Part-Time	14,000	14,000	14,000
Expense	6,294	6,409	6,294
Sub-Total	23,814	23,929	23,814
Finance Committee			
Expense	575	575	575
Sub-Total	575	575	575
Reserve Fund	15,000	15,000	15,000
Tax Collector			
Salary, Elected	6,520	6,520	6,520
Expense	4,750	4,550	4,550
Sub-Total	11,270	11,070	11,070
Treasurer			
Salary, Elected	5,835	5,835	5,835
Expense	2,470	2,770	2,470
Sub-Total	8,305	8,605	8,305
Debt Service			
Municipal Building	50,025	49,119	49,119
Equipment	33,100	30,314	30,314
Short Term Interest	4,000	2,000	2,000
Sub-Total	87,125	81,433	81,433

DEPARTMENT	FY2003 BUDGET	FY2004 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY2004 FINCOM RECOMMENDED
Town Report Printing	1,500	1,500	1,500
Town Hall			
Salaries, Part-Time	3,300	3,300	3,300
Expense	15,400	15,600	15,400
Cable Access	100	100	100
Sub-Total	18,800	19,000	18,800
Highway			
Superintendent Salary	42,520	48,020	43,796
Salaries and Wages	60,335	63,038	62,076
Expense	47,415	46,615	45,915
Snow and Ice	31,880	36,244	36,131
Sub-Total	182,150	193,917	187,918
Municipal Buildings Utilities	16,000	18,000	17,000
Street Lights	3,500	4,200	3,500
Land Use			
CMRP Assessment	340	348	348
Conservation Commission Expense	675	625	625
Planning Board Expense	660	660	660
Building Inspector	903	903	903
Zoning/Appeals Board Expense	375	375	375
Sub-Total	2,953	2,911	2,911
Moderator Salary	150	150	150
Census			
Salaries, Part-Time	720	720	720
Expense	1,100	1,100	1,100
Sub-Total	1,820	1,820	1,820
Town Clerk			
Salary, Elected	4,185	4,185	4,185
Expense	1,500	1,500	1,500
Sub-Total	5,685	5,685	5,685
Town Elections			
Salary, Registrar	175	175	175
Wages, Part-Time	1,800	1,800	1,800
Expense	400	400	400
Sub-Total	2,375	2,375	2,375
Legal			
Town Counsel	12,000	14,000	14,000
Tax Title Expense	0	2,000	0

**TOWN OF OAKHAM
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
FISCAL YEAR 2004 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY JUNE 16, 2003**

Budget Overview:

The planning goal for the Fiscal 2004 budget was focused on providing for a maximum tax increase of .18 cents per thousand or 1.5% over Fiscal 2003. Consistent with past years, the Finance Committee, working closely with the Selectboard, Department Heads and Committees, has prepared the following operating and Special Article budgets for the coming fiscal year. Throughout this process, all parties have made every effort to assure that the town receives significant value from the dollars spent.

Operating Budget:

The proposed Fiscal 2004 Operating Budget, including salary adjustments, but exclusive of Special Articles, is \$1,921,839, an increase of \$26,414 (1.399%) over Fiscal 2003. The most substantial increase \$36,547 (4.00%) was attributable to the Quabbin Regional School District Assessment. The education budget was a significant area of concern for the finance committee in attempting to establish the town budget for fiscal 2004. The Quabbin Regional School District has requested an increase of \$246,738 (27.00%), primarily due to a lack of final state education aid amounts from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The finance committee has proposed funding the Quabbin Regional School District assessment at the aforementioned (4.00%) increase while awaiting a final state education budget.

Special Articles:

Special Article requests total \$125,334 and include:

- Fiscal 2003 Snow & Ice Deficit-\$9,574
- Police Computer-\$8,500
- Fire Equipment Grant Match-\$3,000
- Highway Truck-\$99,000
- Library Books-\$5,260

The Special Articles were funded by utilizing available funds, Free Cash, which was certified by the Department of Revenue in the amount of \$175,082 at July 1, 2002.

Tax Rate Impact:

Currently our 2003 Property Valuation is approximately \$120,612,172. If Operating Budgets and Special Articles as recommended by the Finance Committee are approved at Town Meeting, the fiscal 2004 Tax Rate will approximate \$12.18 per thousand-dollar valuation. The tax bill on real estate valued at \$160,000 would be approximately \$1,949. The fiscal 2003 Tax Rate was \$12.00.

TOWN OF OAKHAM
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MONDAY JUNE 16, 2003

- ✓ Article 1: Accept Town Reports
- ✓ Article 2: Elect Field Drivers
- ✓ Article 3: Hear Election Results
- ✓ Article 4: Salaries of Elected Officials

No Objection
 No Objection
 No Objection
 Recommended
 150
 4,000
 5,835
 6,520
 3,520
 4,185
 50
 75
 300

Moderator
 Board of Selectmen
 Treasurer
 Tax Collector
 Assessors
 Town Clerk
 Library Trustees
 Cemetery Committee
 Board of Health

Article 5: General Appropriations

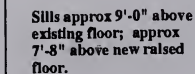
DEPARTMENT	FY2003 BUDGET	FY2004 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY2004 FINCOM RECOMMENDED
Board of Health			
Salaries, Elected	300	300	300
Expense	850	850	850
Recycling Coordinator	300	300	300
Sub-Total	1,450	1,450	1,450
Cemeteries			
Salaries, Elected	75	75	75
Expense	3,000	3,000	3,000
Sub-Total	3,075	3,075	3,075
Library			
Salaries, Elected	50	50	50
Salaries, Part-Time	12,500	12,700	12,550
Expense	13,062	8,250	8,190
Sub-Total	25,612	21,000	20,790
Historical Commission			
Expense	100	100	100
Sub-Total	100	100	100
Cultural Council	200	500	200

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Remove stairs from basement to attic. Frame new opening for 2-hour-rated holstway for wheelchair lift, topped at 8' above first floor. New access to attic by stepladder to fire-rated access door at top of holstway enclosure, then by new ladder from top of wheelchair lift enclosure up to new insulated attic hatch.

Install new vertical wheelchair lift (permitted if floor-to-floor height does not exceed 12 feet). Wheel-O-Vator requires 51 1/2" x 52 1/2" clear opening, or Thyssen 52" x 48 3/4". Elevator Code allows a wheelchair lift to penetrate a floor in a fire-rated enclosure.

Existing ceiling curves from level plane down to meet the existing walls. Remove walls up to within 3 feet of the flat ceiling, leaving solid corner. Reinforce floor structure under corner. Same on opposite side, where bathroom is removed.

Masonry opening in existing fieldstone is approximately 4' wide x 8'-4" high, sized for the 3'-6" x 8'-0" door and glass transom.

New weather canopy is fitted to the perimeter of the existing fieldstone masonry opening. Enclosed vestibule is not required for doors which open directly from a space less than 2,000 square feet (Code 1304.3.6.3).

Roof of weather canopy is a small area, so could be flat-seamed copper, shaped to top of the existing opening.

Remove linoleum and restore hardwood floor.

Retain five of seven original stacks.

Remove bathroom fixtures and walls. Replace existing bathroom with two new accessible bathrooms on ground floor. Cut and reframe first floor for new curved stair. See proposed framing plan, Drawing A-5.



PROPOSED FIRST FLOOR PLAN

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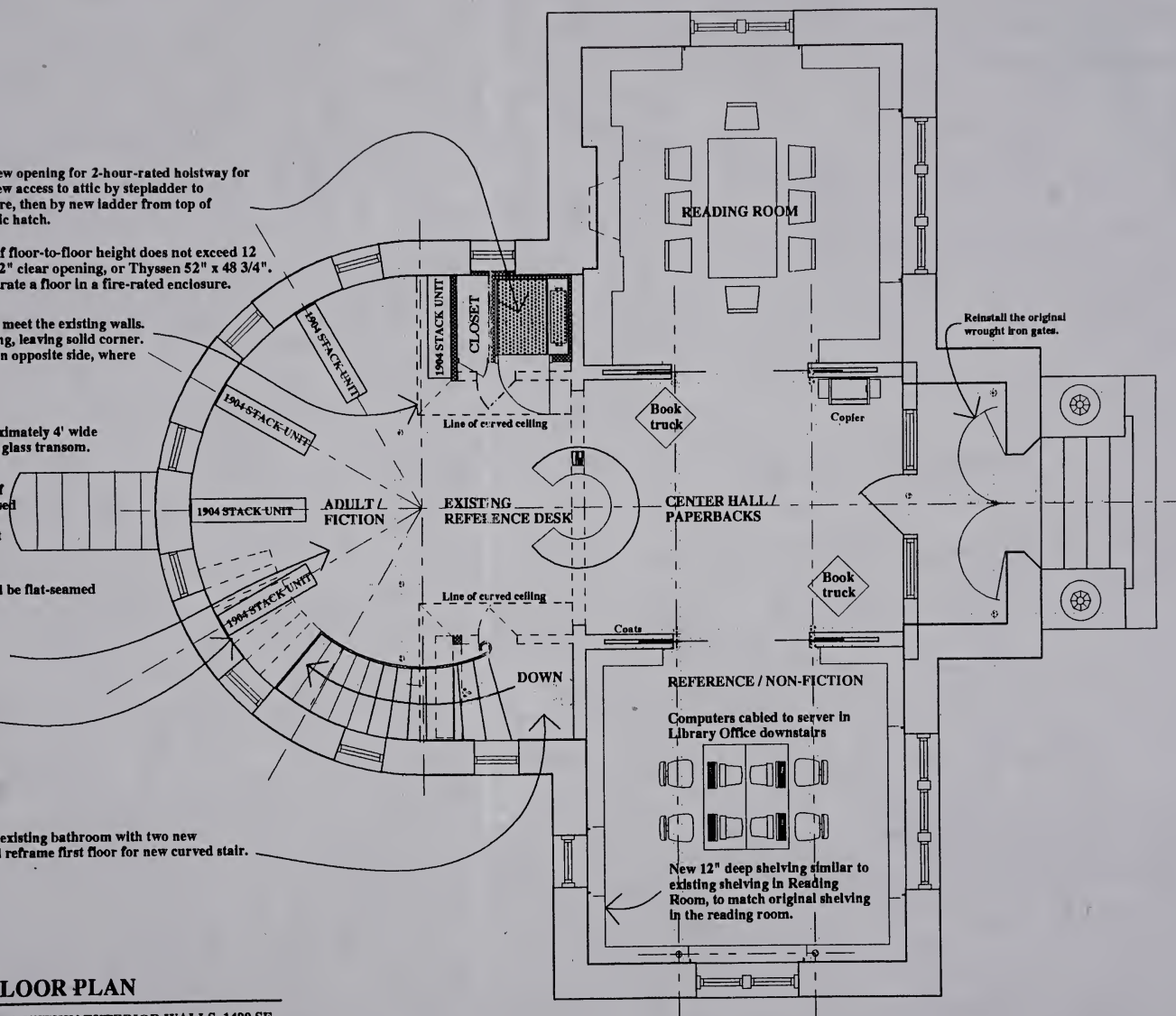
AREA WITHIN EXTERIOR WALLS 1490 SF
NET FLOOR AREA [1008.1.2] 780 SF

Reading Room 256 NSF
Center Hall 270 NSF
Reference 256 NSF

Stacks 347 NSF

Total 782 NSF / 50 = 16 Occupants Total 347 NSF / 100 = 4 Occupants

1008.1.2: Don't include interior walls, built-in shelving, stair, elevator.



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PROPOSED FIRST FLOOR PLAN

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LIBRARIAN

As our community continues to change and grow each year, so do the people who visit our library. Many are attracted by our beautiful library building and are surprised at the number of services offered in such a small community. We also have a number of patrons who have stopped here out of necessity or curiosity, who continue to return and enjoy what we have to offer, which is an added pleasure.

For new residents and those who have not taken advantage of what is available in the library, we have: many of the latest best sellers, books on tape, videos, a copy machine, a fax machine, an on-line computer with a printer and access to all the books in the Regional Library System through an inter-loan service. On Tuesday mornings (during the school year) we have a pre-school story hour from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

for children from 2 years up. Mothers or caretakers are welcome to stay with the youngsters, or mingle with the other moms in the reading room. It's a great place to meet some of your neighbors as well as introduce the children to fun and learning through stories, crafts and games.

Our Summer Reading Program is geared to school aged children, who can read and offers an educational but fun experience for this age group.

A new addition in our loan department this year is a small number of C D's for children and young adults. These have proven to be very popular and we plan to add to this collection.

Our Library hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Saturday morning hours are 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

I wish to express my thanks to our ever helpful trustees, the Friends of the Library, our many volunteers and to the many others who have donated books and other services that have helped us to become a more valuable asset to the community.

Maude M. Stone
Librarian

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LIBRARY BUILDING COMMITTEE

The building committee began working with a new architect last summer to put together a new master plan for library renovations. In FY2000-2001 great strides were made in repairs to the aging structure and in the cleaning up of the accumulation of decades of debris from the basement. Susan Turnbull spent many weeks clearing out the 1500 square foot basement, we are grateful for her dedication to the library. The resulting open space is now ready for renovations to convert it to a children's room.

Chenot Associates, Inc. was chosen to develop a master plan for the library. Phil Warbasse of East Hill Road, one of the associates in the firm has done a wonderful job working with the committee. The library project has received extraordinary local support and whenever possible we have tried to use local professionals. The committee rejected plans that called for an addition to the rear of the structure as too costly. After many meetings we agreed upon a design that stays within the original footprint of the historic building. The existing first floor will house the adult section of the library. The basement will be the children's room, as well as providing a large space for programs. A new staircase and wheelchair lift (a small elevator) will link the two spaces. The lower entrance will be handicap accessible from a small parking lot. There will be two new bathrooms as required by code, and an office for the library staff. The building will receive a new heating and air conditioning system and it will be re-wired for the computers that we plan to install. The plan doubles the size of our library, meets state handicap codes, and updates the aging plumbing, heating and electrical systems in the most economical way possible.

The first construction work in the plan is the demolition of a brick-supporting wall that divides the basement in two. It will be replaced by a steel beam. This part of the project has been bid out construction should begin this summer. The next phase is the construction of a new raised basement floor, installation of rough plumbing, and a new heating system (we thank Mike Russ for his invaluable advice and donated services). After this work is complete, we will break through the ceiling with the new staircase and wheelchair lift and install the new toilet rooms. A new entrance to the basement and all finish work will complete the project.

We are requesting \$50,000 more from the town for the project. We have been able to stretch the past funds allocated by the town through the generous donations of local contractors. We thank everyone for their continued support and look forward to the day when the expanded library opens for our community.

Respectfully submitted,
Ralph Dwelly
Lee Lajoie
Susan Meyer, Chair
Tim Toomey

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees welcomed Nancy Howe to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Susan Turnbull. The library committees continue on without Susan as she took a leave of absence to go to Spain with her family for a year. Her dedicated commitment to the day-to-day management of the library and renovations before she left helped put the Fobes Memorial Library nearer to providing the people of Oakham with expanded access to library resources.

As the year drew to a close, Sarah Jordan moved on to join her husband, Rich, in Virginia and her library skills and expertise is greatly missed.

A beautiful American flag was donated to the Library by Stella Andersen in memory of her husband, Stanley (Pete), after the events of September 11th. It was professionally mounted and hung by Susan Meyer. If you stop by or drive by at night, you can see it proudly hanging in the west room of the library.

In October the Library hosted a Very Scary Story Night performed by Susan Meyer in celebration of Halloween. In November the Trustees hosted the annual Poetry Reading. December brought on the annual Christmas time book sale of quality books.

In November, Mrs. Mary Crombie of 373 Spencer Road, Oakham passed away. Unbeknownst to the Board of Trustees, the Fobes Memorial Library had been named the recipient of the Crombie Trust in 1986. Richard and Mary had been library patrons for years. The Trust value has yet to be determined as there is real property remaining to be sold. We are cautiously optimistic that annual funds from this source will be able to make programming differences and perhaps assist in the renovation of the building. It will be lovely to be able to remember Mary and Richard throughout the years to come as they assist the Fobes Memorial Library and the Town of Oakham.

The Friends of the Fobes Memorial Library, Inc. continues to be our helping hand. They ran a very successful Holiday Tea and presented Mrs. Clause with the assistance of an Oakham Cultural Council Grant, a division of the MA Cultural Council. The copy machine continues to be maintained by the Friends. There is an on-going quality used clothing sale at the library, proceeds of about \$600 annually benefit many library projects.

The team of library volunteers kept up their volunteerism and kept the library open Tuesday nights and Saturday mornings. It is a very dedicated library dozen. Though they don't have the expertise of Mrs. Stone, they are always eager and willing to try and help and can call Mrs. Stone for assistance when needed.

Ken Johnson 'retired' as our number one library volunteer this summer. For 5 years, Ken has given freely of two hours each and every Saturday morning to open the library for patrons. That comes to about 250 Saturdays! We greatly appreciate his dedication to the Library.

The Board of Trustees met monthly to handle all library business and approve bills and write the staff payroll for the three paid employees. The magazine subscription service that we started working with 6 years ago is marvelous and greatly appreciated.

Books and software are currently being purchased through library service companies, cutting down on Mrs. Stone's travel time! Discussion has begun about staffing levels for the expanded library, both in terms of librarians, assistants and janitorial services. In March, the Trustees were notified that the computer the library received from the State in February 1998 officially became property of the Library.

As always, the Library collection is continually being up-dated. We continue to accept donated books. First we assess them to add to the collection, those that don't go that route go to our annual used book sales at Christmas time and the Yankee Fair. The proceeds of which go toward renovation.

Mrs. Stone and Stella Anderson received raises for fiscal 2003. The Finance Committee accepted the Trustees budget as presented.

The library hours are Tuesday and Thursday 11-4:30, Tuesday 7-9 and Thursday 7-9:30, and Saturday 9-11. During the school year, Mrs. Stone runs a story hour group from ten to eleven on Tuesdays. Attendance has steadily decreased in this group over the past few years as more and more moms are working, but there are 12-15 children regularly utilizing the program.

The Board of Trustees is always available for comments and suggestions, both on operations and programming. We especially love people that volunteer!

Nancy Howe
Lisa Lajoie
Sarah Jordan

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Parks and Recreation committee carried out many activities during the Fiscal Year 2002. In August, swimming lessons were held at Coldbrook Country Club with 55 children attending. Swim instructor Katie Kelly taught the classes.

On September 23rd we sponsored a Red Sox Trip in which we had a full bus and was enjoyed by all.

On Halloween night the children marched in a parade, escorted by the Oakham Fire Department and Oakham Police Department from the Town Hall to the center school. They were greeted by Jack-O-Lanterns on the side of the school in which many children in town participated in making. A costume party was held at the school and prizes were awarded.

Our 11th Annual Holiday House-Decorating contest was held in December. Prizes were delivered to the winners.

In January Parks and Recreations contributed to the Ski program at Coldbrook Ski Area. We had a great turnout. Many families from town came up and enjoyed the two Sundays.

In February we had our 3rd Annual Winter Carnival, which was held at Pine Acres. Many children and parents participated. There was skating, sliding, ice sculpture, scavenger hunt, food and a campfire.

In April we held our 3rd Annual Ball Roll event, which was a huge success. Many adults and children participated in the day's events. We had assorted activities for the children to do until the balls were ready to drop. We had several winners with the grand prize of \$1,000 going to Rich Lenahan.

In May we held a Bike Safety Clinic in which several children participated.

On Memorial Day a large group of children and parents traveled to the town cemeteries on a bus donated by McCarthy Bus Co., to place flags to mark our veterans graves. The Oakham Fire Dept., escorted us to the cemeteries. Jeff Nahkala and George Paradise played taps at the cemeteries.

In May 50 people/25 children attended the fishing derby, held at Pine Acre Campground. After all of the fish were caught and measured prizes were awarded and a family cookout was held.

We closed out our year in June with the 12th Annual OLD TYME YANKEE FAIR. The activities started Friday night with the block party and the beginning of the Fear Factor Event which was a great success and enjoyed by many. Many thanks to Cindy Currier and Susan Carpenter for all their hard work in organizing this event. At the party we also had a classic car show, the burnouts and music was provided by "The Otters". Saturdays activities included a parade, volleyball tournament, doll and bike parade, dog and rabbit shows, rides and amusements, a talent show, and the big hit of the day was the Fear Factor Event. Entertainers concluded the night with music and a bon fire.

The Parks and Recreation committee would like to extend special thanks to the OFD, OPD, OYS, PAC, The Lions Club and all other town organizations clubs and citizens for your support.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas McCaffrey

Christine Mardirosian

Christine Toomey

Christopher Goodhue

Pat Carey

John Capone

Timothy Toomey

PLANNING BOARD

We are pleased to submit this report of the Oakham Planning Board for FY 2002. Regularly scheduled meetings are held at the Town Hall, on the third Monday of each month. Additional and rescheduled meetings are always posted in advance, in accordance with the Massachusetts Public Meeting Law. Legal notices for public hearings are published in the Worcester Telegram and the Barre Gazette, public hearing notices are also posted at the Town Hall, the Post Office, and the Fobes Memorial Library.

Special Permits

Responding to requests for Special Permit uses addressed in the Town Bylaws, the application and hearing process resulted in the approval of four new Special Permits for businesses, and one Special Permit for removal of gravel from a two-acre work area off South Road.

Special Permit applications were filed by two wireless communication tower development companies for sites on Coldbrook Road and Crawford Road, under the new bylaw. The public hearing process continued over a period of several months; balloon visibility tests were conducted; the Planning Board worked with a wireless communication consultant and town counsel; and both applications were approved in October.

ANR / "Approval Not Required" Lot Plans

Eleven ANR survey plans were presented to the Board for review, creating a total of nine new road-frontage lots. Each plan was in compliance with the Town's subdivision bylaw requirements for frontage and area, and endorsed by the Board members as mandated by state law.

Subdivisions

A proposed nineteen-lot subdivision on Old Turnpike Road went through the public hearing and engineering review process, and was approved.

A previously approved fifteen-lot subdivision on Crawford Road approached completion in spring.

A proposed nine-lot subdivision on North Brookfield Road started into the public hearing and engineering review process, but was disapproved because the state-mandated time limit for Planning Board action would otherwise have lapsed without a request from the applicant for time extension, resulting in automatic approval without conditions. Rather than reapply, the applicant filed an appeal through the court system.

Revisions to the Town Bylaws

In the work of this busy year, the Planning Board also completed drafting, coordination and public review of new Subdivision Rules and Regulations, an updated Schedule of Filing Fees and Project Review Deposits, and proposed amendments to the Town's general bylaws. The proposed bylaw amendments were then presented to the voters on the Town Meeting warrant; each amendment passed by two-thirds majority vote at the June 17 Town Meeting.

Residents' written comments to the Planning Board are always welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Phillip Warbasse, Tom Hughes, Nancy Pettyjohn, Peter Clifford, Jim Barnhill

PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR

A total of fifteen (15) gas and thirty-two (32) plumbing permits were issued from July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002. Seventy-six (76) inspections were made by the Plumbing & Gas Inspector during this period.

Respectfully submitted,

Byron A. Carpenter
Plumbing and Gas Inspector

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VETERANS' AGENT

The department of Veterans Services manages and oversees a municipal benefit, entitlement program. This program is administered Veterans Director Agents in every city, town and district in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This program provides for emergency financial assistance for food, clothing, shelter, health and medical benefits to eligible wartime veterans and their dependents. We believe any veteran who paid the ultimate price, should never be forgotten.

In the past year the state has opened the first of 2 new Veterans cemeteries, this one located in Agawam and the other one is projected to open in 2003 in Winchendon. Veterans interested in Pre-Registering for the new Veterans Memorial Cemetery can contact me and fill out a registration form.

If you know of any Veteran buried in one of our cemeteries who does not have a flag marker, please contact me so that we may arrange to have one inserted at the gravesite.

Respectfully submitted,

William H. Mucha
US AF 1967-1971

WIRE INSPECTOR

During the past year I received 76 applications for permits to do electrical work. They were for the following.

24	New Homes	32	New/temporary Services
5	Additions/renovations	1	Swimming Pools
2	Burglar alarm systems	7	Misc. Repairs
5	Garages/barns		

I made a total of 135 inspections.

Respectfully submitted,

Denis delaGorgendiere

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ZONING APPEALS BOARD

The ZBA received 2 requests for variances with regards to set back requirements. A hearing was held for each request. The Board issued 1 approval and 1 denial for variances this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucy Tessnau, chair
Carol Spinney, vice chair
Gunther Mueller, clerk

SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION

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QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

QUABBIN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

QUABBIN REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

OAKHAM CENTER SCHOOL

ANNUAL RATE OF REGULAR COMPENSATION

QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Barre • Hardwick • Hubbardston • New Braintree • Oakham

ADMINISTRATION

Maureen M. Marshall, Superintendent of Schools
Cheryl A. Duval, Director of Finance
R. Cherie Majoy, D.Ed., Director of Special Services

OAKHAM CENTER SCHOOL

Duncan Stewart, Principal

QUABBIN REGIONAL MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

Bernie Audette, High School Dean of Administration & Management
Susanne Musnicki, Middle School Dean of Administration & Management

2002 SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Dr. Richard Allan	Barre
Susan Benedict	Hubbardston
Richard Cushing	Oakham
Fran Gromelski	Barre
Pam Hinckley	Hardwick
Barbara Hubbard	Hubbardston
Edward Leonard	Hubbardston
James Mazik	Hardwick
Daniel O'Brien	Barre
George Richardson	Barre
Dr. Thomas Tashjian	Oakham
Peggy Thompson	New Braintree
Lee Wolanin	Barre
Cheryl Wolfe	Hardwick

2002 SCHOOL COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Chair, Edward Leonard
Vice-chair, George Richardson
Executive Secretary, Reneé Markiewicz
Treasurer, Ronald Christensen

QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

2001-2002

It is important to highlight the District's vision in the annual end-of-year report so one can appreciate the force that informs and drives our work here at the District. **The Quabbin Regional School District bases its programs and activities on its belief in:**

- the preparation of students as **life long learners**;
- the ability of **all** students to learn;
- the **mastery** of intellectual skills in all academic areas;
- the attainment of standards of **excellence**;
- the importance of **open inquiry**; and
- an atmosphere of **caring and respect** for all members of the learning community.

Efforts to realize this vision colors all that we do. Our successes provide the foundation for the development and implementation of programs and activities that focus on our continuous improvement. This is an ever-present expectation for all who work and learn in the Quabbin School Community.

Annual Highlights

The 2002 school year, like many before it, presented both challenges and accomplishments. Many of the challenges were financial due to an extremely sluggish national and state economy. The economic environment created by this economic slow down made it significantly difficult for the local communities to meet the financial demands of schools burdened with ever more rigorous and expensive national and state mandates. Thankfully, this challenge encouraged both school and local officials to work collaboratively to solve funding problems that would have exhausted both school and town resources had either group attempted to solve such problems alone. Most certainly, this level of cooperation shows support, allowing the good schools to improve and better serve the communities' children.

The **No Child Left Behind Act**, a newly enacted federal legislation, presents challenges of a different sort. This legislation requires schools to participate in complex and far reaching accountability programs that focus on more high-stakes testing for students. Unfortunately, few federal resources have been made available to schools and/or communities to implement these new, expansive mandates. Similar State legislation, specifically the Massachusetts Educational Reform Act of 1993, requires all students to pass the MCAS, Massachusetts high-stakes test, to graduate from high school. There *are* thousands of students across the state yet to pass the test, yet we are pleased and proud to announce that as of this writing, 99.9% of our students have passed the test. This is a great accomplishment that our students and the entire academic community can be very proud. It speaks volumes about their interest in and dedication to acquiring a high quality education.

In addition to this significant accomplishment, last spring, the Middle-High School administration received an extremely positive report from the New England Association of Secondary Schools. The Association had conducted a comprehensive evaluation of

the Middle- High School in the fall of 2001 and, as a result, not only extended the school's accreditation with commendation for ten (10) years, but also included a number of significant commendations in the final report submitted to the Quabbin Regional School Committee. The faculty, staff, students and communities should take great pride in this significant accomplishment.

Finally, the Quabbin Regional School District remains committed to providing all students who pass through our schoolhouse doors with the best educational opportunities possible. It is on behalf of these students that we consistently extend extraordinary individual and collective effort. We understand that you have entrusted to us with the community's most precious resource. We accept this tremendous responsibility and are committed to assisting Quabbin's young people in becoming well-educated, productive and caring citizens.

Maureen M. Marshall
Superintendent of Schools



QUABBIN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
2001-2002

With anticipated enrollment increases and staff retirements, Quabbin Regional High School hired several new teachers in the fall of 2001. The new members of the staff included Evan Barringer, teacher of social studies, Sharon Beauregard, teacher of mathematics, Maureen Chase, teacher of mathematics, Martha Degnan, teacher of mathematics, Paul Sestito, teacher of science, T. J. Schubert, teacher of science, John Monfredo, teacher of English, Jeff Kempeskie, teacher of vocal music, and Elizabeth Jablonski, teacher of special education. Francis J. Cranston, Jr. was also hired as the new Athletic Director.

Quabbin Regional High School hosted an accreditation visiting team from the New England Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges September 23rd through September 26th. Member schools must undertake exhaustive self-assessments involving the participation of faculty, administrators, staff, students, and school committee members. Visiting team members then evaluate the school's adherence to stated standards, review the findings of the school's self-assessment, and then make recommendations that will lead to better adherence to standards and to school improvement. School personnel must then respond to the recommendations stated in the visiting committee report by designing and implementing short and long-range plans for improvement. We are pleased to report that the accreditation of Quabbin Regional High School was continued with no special report necessary before the required two year follow-up report showing progress on the implementation of stated recommendations.

High school teachers, with individual department chairpersons, continued to implement the state curriculum frameworks in their respective disciplines. Revisions to specific units of study to incorporate aspects of curriculum frameworks continued. As well, staff members worked diligently to prepare students for MCAS testing in the spring.

The MCAS results (Spring 2002) for Grade 10 are as follows:

- 94 % of Quabbin Grade 10 students passed the MCAS English/Language Arts test, compared to 81% of students in the state
- 88 % of Quabbin Grade 10 students passed the MCAS Mathematics test, compared to 75 % of the students in the state
- 86 % of Quabbin Grade 10 students passed both tests.

In addition, the Report of School and District II Performance Ratings issued by the Massachusetts Department of Education indicated our school's performance rating in English as high, and in Mathematics as moderate. The improvement level for both areas was rated at above target. This report also stated that we have made adequate yearly progress (MCAS performance) in 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002.

The following activities are worthy of note:

- The annual Poetry Conference, organized by English teacher Jim Beschta, was held at Coldbrook Country Club in April of 2002. The oldest conference of its kind in the Commonwealth welcomed approximately 100 young poets from fifteen schools across Massachusetts.
- A profile of the 173 graduates of the Class of 2002 reveals a membership, which includes 2% entering the military; 19% entering the work force; It is also worth noting that 79% of the members of the Class of 2002 will continue their education with the assistance of scholarships valued at \$390,170 the first year and \$896,540 over a four year period.
- Students in grades nine through eleven who received academic or achievement awards were honored in June at an evening awards program attended by family and staff members.
- The National Honor Society continued its long-standing tradition of collecting funds for the "Christmas for Kids" Program. Approximately \$2,500 was collected from high school students and staff members with gifts being purchased for needy area children.
- Quabbin students continue to excel in the areas of art, music, drama and sports. Quabbin Regional high School was once again well represented in the Boston Globe-Scholastic Arts Awards. The musical, "Fiddler on the Roof," was presented by Quabbin students under the direction of Quabbin Pro-Musica. Student performances were superb.

The 2001-2002 school year has been an exciting one for all of us at Quabbin Regional High School. We continue to appreciate the efforts of the citizens of the Quabbin communities for providing us with the financial resources and a well-equipped facility that will help us to meet the challenges of educating our children in the twenty-first century. We are most grateful for all of your support.

Respectively submitted,
Joseph F. Maga
Dean of Administration and Management

QUABBIN REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

END OF YEAR REPORT

2000-2001

During the summer of 2001, a summer school program was offered at Quabbin Regional Middle School. Funding was provided by a state grant for academic support programs for students entering grades 7-10. Under the direction of Michael Groner and Toni Musnicki, sixteen teachers offered creative instruction in math and English and provided enrichment activities which varied from week to week in a program entitled *Academics Plus*. In all sixty students attended this very successful program.

Over the summer, a change was made to the middle school curriculum. Health was integrated into the physical education course. Each student in grades 7 and 8 has been scheduled for a computer applications course to replace health in their schedule.

When students and teachers arrived in the middle school gym in September, it had a new look. A set of bleachers had been removed and replaced by a climbing wall. This multi-route indoor climbing wall was designed and constructed by Cort Gariepy, a 1983 Quabbin graduate and owner of Solid Rock Wall Systems; it was funded by an anonymous benefactor. Climbing was integrated as part of the adventure initiatives unit for all eighth grade students.

To welcome students and parents to the Middle School, orientation nights were held for seventh grade on Monday, August 27 and for eighth grade on Tuesday, August 28. Student schedules were distributed and a mock schedule was followed so that parents and students could meet teachers and learn classroom expectations.

On Tuesday, August 28, we welcomed 295 seventh graders. Wednesday, August 29 saw the arrival of 256 eighth graders. This made the total Middle School enrollment 551 students as of opening day.

The Middle School has continued its community involvement through "Trick or Treat for UNICEF", and donations of canned goods collected at Middle School dances to local food banks. Grade seven social studies teachers are coordinating a drive to collect aluminum tabs from beverage cans to benefit the Shriners Orthopedic Hospital in Springfield and Shriners Burns Hospital in Boston.

Eighth grade students had several special speakers and trips during the school year. These included Roger Whiting, president of Growth Through Learning, who spoke about the lack of educational opportunities for young girls in East Africa, Richard Smith from the Concord Historical Society, who entertained students in the character of Henry David Thoreau, and Mrs. Sunnie Epstein, a Holocaust survivor, who spoke about the history of the Holocaust and hate crimes. They also experienced a field trip to Mystic Seaport in Mystic, Connecticut during the month of October. Thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Debbie Henshaw, they were able to travel to Templeton for a Civil War Reenactment. Small groups of students moved from station to station viewing presentations and asking questions about life on the Civil War battlefield. We were fortunate to have good weather since the following day the public event was snowed out. During the week of June 3, 183 students and 24 chaperones traveled to Washington, D.C. Their trip included the Smithsonian Museums, the laying of a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns at

Arlington National Cemetery, the Holocaust Museum, a trip to Gettysburg, the Twilight Tattoo, and a night bus tour of Washington, D.C.

Seventh grade special events included a December trip to Symphony Hall in Springfield to attend the Chamber Repertory Theatre production of five classic short stories that had been read and studied in English classes. May 23 and 24 was the date for the grade seven overnight. The focus of this event was the Revolutionary War. Two of the most popular activities were the treatment by the doctor and drilling with wooden muskets. Homeroom competition was held in the gym and students participated in a talent show for their peers. June 14, the day after school closed, saw an all day field trip to Boston that included the Duck Tours, a visit to the Boston Science Museum, and the Omni Theater. We extend our thanks to the twenty-one teachers who gave up the first day of their summer vacation, the parents, and former students who made this trip possible.

In preparation for the spring MCAS tests, a remediation program was held every Tuesday and Thursday from February 22 – April 4. The program under the direction of Mrs. Martha Femino, Dean of Academic Affairs, had over eighty seventh and eighth grade students registered for either math or English.

On April 9, 2002 students in grade 7 completed the long composition portion of the MCAS tests. The testing continued beginning May 13 with grade 7 completing English/Language Arts and grade 8 taking Mathematics, Science & Technology/Engineering, and History/Social Studies.

For the second consecutive year, four grade eight students competed in the MATHCOUNTS competition. Our performance was much improved over our first entry last year. Congratulations to the entire team and especially Juel Sheridan who finished fourth.

May and June saw numerous awards and honors programs. The Honors Breakfast, prepared and served by staff, honors students who achieved honor roll status for three marking terms and their parents. For the first time, we included a brief awards presentation for outstanding grade 7 and 8 students. June 10 was the graduation program marking the passage of students from grade 8 to grade 9.

We appreciate the support that has been given to our students and staff by the Quabbin Regional School District community.

Respectfully submitted,

Susanne R. Musnicki
Dean of Administration and Management

OAKHAM CENTER SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL 2001/2002

The tragic events of September 11th cast a dark cloud over an otherwise wonderful start to the school year. Our entire school community worked together to provide a safe and secure environment for students and staff. Guidance Counselor, Maureen Anderson did a masterful job of dealing effectively with the feelings, fears and frustrations of staff and students. The overall support of parents, faculty and community made it possible for us to continue in a fairly normal manner. Students and staff soon found themselves engaged in a wide variety of activities ranging from MCAS preparation to school plays. Among the notable happenings of the school year were:

- o On December 21, 2001, a luncheon to celebrate the retirement of long time classroom aide, Shirley Mascroft was held in the school cafeteria. Mrs. Mascroft, who retired January 1, 2002, has been a member of the Oakham Staff since 1967. We will all miss Mrs. Mascroft!
- o Grade four participated in the NAEP test for "Our Nation's Report Card". Scores from this test will be combined with scores of fourth grades across the country to provide a "picture" of our Nation's educational progress.
- o In our continuing quest to better prepare students for MCAS, thirty, 4th & 6th grade students participated in an after school MCAS Improvement program. Mr. Comiskey worked with grade six students in the area of math, while Ms. Miller And Mrs. Szafarowicz worked with grade four in English Language Arts. Mr. Huard served as coordinator of the project for all District Elementary Schools.
- o Students, with the help of fifth grade teachers Helen Poirier and Karen Miller, produced another unique "Memory Book". The Memory Book this year was dedicated to our Science Connection Coordinator and School Aide, Crystal Lucchesi. This year's Editor was Kelly Young, with Rebecca Gibree as the Assistant Editor.
- o For the 25th consecutive year, students of grade six participated in a weeklong trip to the ocean. Originally called "Project Cape Cod" the program, now "Nature's Classroom", provides our sixth grade students with a wonderful culminating activity to their first seven years of schooling. Sixth grade teachers Tom Comiskey and Steve Huard once again did a great job fund raising, planning and organizing this trip.
- o The Parents Advisory Council once again functioned as an important component of our school. PAC hosted a variety of programs and activities that included the Annual Spring Dance, sponsorship of two \$250 scholarships to Oakham residents, numerous field trips, sponsorship of two Red Cross Babysitting Courses, the Holiday Marketplace for students, and Classroom Charity Jars. A special treat provided by the PAC this year for students, K-6, was a visit by Dr. Quentin Quark, The Science Guy. Dr. Quark entertained all as he discussed and demonstrated Newton's Laws of Motion.

- o The Oakham Cultural Council provided funding for two all-school programs. The Mt. Wachusett Community College Theatre Group presented the first, Tall Tales and Heroes. Local Storyteller, Barbara Dietrich collaborated with Guy Dayhoff to present the second, a Native American experience, The Living Lodge. Our thanks to the Cultural Council for funding these programs.
- o Fifth grade Social Studies Teachers Helen Poirier and Karen Miller organized a Saturday "Trip to Boston" for students of grades 4 & 5. The students departed by train from Worcester and spent the day in Boston exploring historical sites before returning by rail to Worcester. The trip was a huge success and as an added benefit provided many fourth graders with a perfect topic for the MCAS Long Composition Essay.
- o The Oakham Police Department sponsored the Molly Bish (Life) Guard ID program for children, pre-school through grade 6. Each participating child received an ID book containing the child's picture, fingerprints and relevant personal information.
- o As we look forward to school year 2002/2003 we find the need to make two significant changes in our school structure. In an effort to improve our Early Childhood programs, Kindergarten will be expanded from a half day Monday program to a full day Monday program. This will provide Kindergarten students with three full days of school each week. Our hope is to be able to provide five full days of Kindergarten in the near future.
Grade two for 2002/2003 will be consolidated into one class. Our enrollment of twenty-one does not allow us to support the cost of two teachers/classrooms. Should enrollment in the class increase significantly we will look to add a second classroom.

Staff and students thank the Oakham community for creating a wonderful place to live and work.

Respectfully Submitted,
Duncan L. Stewart,
Principal

**QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL RATE OF REGULAR COMPENSATION**

Employee	Contract Amount		
ADAMIAK, MELISSA M	\$39,305.00	BREWER, CHRISTINE M	\$45,938.00
ADAMS, CHERYL S	\$63,863.00	BRIAND, ANNE MARIE	\$19,049.52
ADAMS, PAUL D	\$46,327.00	BRISTOL, CHRISTINE	\$56,989.00
AFONSO, NANCY J	\$43,405.60	BROWN, ALLISON E	\$43,403.00
ALLAIN-THOMAS, DEBORAH	\$39,980.00	BROWN, THEODORE T	\$65,334.00
ALLEN, ANN M	\$15,852.34	BROWNE, KIM A	\$53,738.00
AMIDIO, MARY C	\$26,640.10	BRYANT, ELISABETH A	\$67,091.00
ANDERSON, CHRISTINE E	\$36,105.00	BURKLE, SHERRY L	\$34,772.00
ANDERSON, MARGARET M	\$17,278.36	BURNETT, WILLIAM A	\$61,810.00
ANDERSON, MAUREEN T	\$47,707.20	CAPURSO, JANE M	\$51,195.00
ANDERSON, PATRICIA A	\$56,304.00	CAREY, KARA M	\$42,039.00
APPLETON, JANE M	\$58,477.00	CAREY, KYLE J	\$58,227.00
ARNOLD, LUCINDA A	\$48,266.00	CARLIN, ALBERT J	\$65,898.00
AUDETTE, BERNARD P	\$74,810.00	CARLSON, CHRISTOPHER B	\$36,073.00
AUDETTE, DENISE L	\$16,771.72	CARLSON, KIMBERLY R	\$13,246.32
BALSER, MELANIE A	\$17,255.29	CARON, MARK D	\$50,378.00
BANVILLE, ANNE M	\$9,149.52	CASTRIOTTA, MARK	\$42,039.00
BARNES, CLARE H	\$41,600.00	CASTRIOTTA, MATTHEW	\$49,980.00
BARRINGER, EVAN M	\$36,073.00	CASTRIOTTA, MATTHEW	\$2,000.00
BARRINGER, JANIS A	\$40,999.00	CASTRIOTTA, WENDY B	\$43,664.00
BART-RABER, KERRY	\$42,990.40	CHABOT, JACQUELINE M	\$35,670.00
BEAUDET, KRISTINE A	\$50,986.00	CHAPMAN, SUANN Q	\$50,236.00
BEAUDRY, DANIELLE T	\$50,236.00	CHASE, MAUREEN L	\$42,039.00
BEAUREGARD, LISA A	\$46,490.00	CHLIASSON, LINDA M	\$58,477.00
BEAUREGARD, SHARON A	\$43,886.00	CHRISTENSEN, RONALD P	\$10,350.00
BENOUSKI, DOREEN	\$57,239.00	CHROBAK, KAREN E	\$43,200.00
BERNARD, ROBIN L	\$22,126.44	CIAVOLA, ELLEN M	\$16,414.52
BERTHIAUME, GAIL L	\$30,460.00	CILLEY, PAUL D	\$58,963.00
BERTHIAUME, VALERIE A	\$16,328.16	CIRELLI, KATHLEEN M	\$15,927.96
BETTEZ, ERNEST A	\$62,350.00	CLARK, BLYTHE L	\$34,772.00
BLASZCZYK, VIRGINIA M	\$48,871.00	CLOUGH, BARBARA J	\$43,335.00
BOHIGIAN, EILEEN O	\$56,989.00	COATES, MARIE A	\$13,587.72
BOLGER, BRENT A	\$39,980.00	COLBY, BEVERLY A	\$34,293.70
BOLGER, SANDRA J	\$10,957.60	COLLINS, JOANNE L	\$56,304.00
BORONSKI, CHESTER	\$58,227.00	COMO, MARY L	\$43,886.00
BOTTOMLEY, REBECCA B	\$45,188.00	CONSOLMAGNO, TERESA J	\$27,640.10
BOURGEOIS, NANCY M	\$62,350.00	CONTI, BARBARA A	\$61,355.00
BRANDON, CATHERINE L	\$69,966.00	COONS, KRISTEN H	\$57,680.00
BRAY, ELECIA C	\$40,161.00	COPPOLINO, SR, PETER J	\$32,788.80
BRAY, MARSHA M	\$57,239.00	CRANSTON, FRANCIS J	\$45,000.00
BREARLEY, DEBORAH	\$29,724.00	CRANSTON, KATHRYN A	\$26,552.00
		CRAWFORD, BARBARA A	\$14,980.00

CREEDEN, CHERYL W	\$56,989.00	FOLEY, HERBERT L	\$19,456.00
CRESTO, GLENDA G	\$40,188.80	FOLEY, JANET M	\$55,592.00
CURE, SONIA A	\$62,350.00	FRANKLIN, KELLEE	\$47,668.00
CUSHING, HELEN E	\$47,668.00	FRITSCHER, JOHN A	\$32,552.80
DAHART, HAROLD N	\$29,960.00	FRITSCHER, KATHLEEN S	\$18,672.39
DALVE, JOHN R	\$56,304.00	FROST, ALICIA L	\$28,000.00
DAUWALTER HARMON, ROB	\$59,634.00	FROST, MARGARET R	\$62,600.00
DAVIAU, CHRISTINE M	\$58,477.00	FROST, MARILYN E	\$59,884.00
DEGNAN, MARTHA E	\$40,673.00	GANCORZ, CAROL A	\$57,239.00
DERR, CHERYL C	\$47,503.00	GAREAU, CHARLOTTE A	\$50,236.00
DESCHAMPS, DAVID A	\$59,634.00	GARTNER, VICTOR	\$60,265.00
DESILETS, KATHLEEN A	\$40,673.00	GATELY, DONNA M	\$13,177.78
DEVINE, GREGORY J	\$54,842.00	GEORGE, ELIZABETH A	\$45,188.00
DEXTRADEUR, DENNIS M	\$57,239.00	GEORGE, SYBIL J	\$20,066.42
DICKSON, PAMELA J	\$46,490.00	GLIDDEN, JESSICA M	\$18,967.41
DIETRICH, BARBARA J	\$56,989.00	GLODAS, CLAUDIA J	\$57,239.00
DIGNAN, KENNETH G	\$54,507.00	GRAHAM, CATHERINE T	\$24,093.52
DIMARTINO, MICHELE A	\$54,842.00	GREGORIOU, JANE C	\$15,151.86
DOLAN, CHARLOTTE E	\$19,049.52	GRIFFIN, PATRICIA L	\$16,771.72
DOWGIELEWICZ, JILL M	\$44,772.00	GRONER, MICHAEL H	\$38,678.00
DOYLE, KIMBERLY J	\$51,074.00	GUERTIN, FRANK J	\$72,508.44
DUCHARME, DENISE M	\$62,600.00	GUILBAULT, LAURA J	\$19,339.00
DUFORT, RAYMOND O	\$48,344.00	GUMULA, THADDEUS J	\$69,890.00
DUHAMEL, JOSEPH P	\$55,842.00	GUNNARSON, RUSSELL B	\$29,850.96
DUNCAN, JASON E	\$43,664.00	HADDAD, GITA W	\$56,989.00
DUREPO, HEIDI L	\$40,673.00	HALEY, CHRISTOPHER P	\$45,567.00
DUVAL, CHERYL A	\$67,275.00	HALL, ELAINE R	\$62,350.00
ELLIS, KAREN J	\$58,227.00	HALL, MICHELLE L	\$42,330.00
ERICSON, CANDACE A	\$1,000.50	HALL, WALLACE A	\$48,589.00
ERICSON, CANDACE A	\$20,410.20	HANSON, DONNA T	\$36,649.60
ERICSON, CANDACE A	\$1,300.65	HARDING CRAWFORD, LINDA	\$42,032.00
ERICSON, NEIL J	\$32,000.00	HARRIS, BERNADETTE B	\$51,604.00
ESIHELIONIS, CYNTHIA A	\$50,236.00	HARROLD, DANIEL W	\$57,924.00
FARRAJ, LORI J	\$13,587.72	HASTINGS, VIRGINIA L	\$62,350.00
FARRELL, MATTHEW J	\$47,659.00	HAVALOTTI, PHYLIS J	\$18,238.84
FAY, CHERYL L	\$12,979.82	HELDENBERGH-HUGHES, ANNE	\$43,886.00
FEMINO, MARTHA M	\$69,890.00	HENGST, DENA J	\$20,863.20
FEMINO, MARTHA M	\$1,000.00	HEPPENSTALL, NANCY A	\$48,871.00
FEMINO, SHERYL A	\$31,600.00	HILL-NIAMBELE, STACEY A	\$50,236.00
FERGUSON, SUSAN S	\$45,188.00	HOLWELL, KATHLEEN	\$59,634.00
FLAGG, SUSAN	\$45,188.00	HOUGHTON, SUSANNE	\$15,927.96
FLETCHER, BEVERLY S	\$12,000.00	HOWARD, ASHLEY W	\$54,842.00

HOWARD, PATRICIA	\$59,634.00	LINDSAY, SUSAN C	\$44,636.00
HUARD, JENNIFER A	\$51,145.00	LITTIZZIO, ERNEST M	\$34,772.00
HUARD, STEVEN D	\$44,215.00	LOHR, DARCY J	\$15,927.96
HUBBARD, DONNA I	\$56,989.00	LOOSEMORE, WILLIAM J	\$60,265.00
HUDEC-SURRETTE, BARBAR	\$61,015.00	LUCCHESI, CRYSTAL A	\$27,340.00
HURLEY, RICHARD	\$53,507.00	LUUKKO, NANCY G	\$61,015.00
INMAN, KATHLYN M	\$48,266.00	MAGA, JOSEPH F	\$77,000.00
JABLONSKI, MICHAEL	\$49,103.00	MAGNINO, JOHN D	\$68,672.00
JALBERT, MAURA K	\$13,119.75	MAGNINO, LEILANI A	\$18,939.83
JOHNSON, KATHLEEN D	\$58,227.00	MAIO, CHRISTINE M	\$16,771.72
JOHNSON, NAIDA	\$64,885.00	MAJOY, BRIAN R	\$39,980.00
JONES, NANCY O	\$59,884.00	MAJOY, ROSANNE	\$75,272.00
JORDAN, MARY ANN	\$38,649.60	MAJOY, ROSANNE	\$1,000.00
KANE, KEVIN J	\$55,592.00	MAMMONE, DIANE M	\$53,855.00
KELLEY, TRACY L	\$15,663.38	MANKOWSKY, JULIE	\$58,227.00
KEMPSKIE, JEFFREY T	\$36,073.00	MARDEROSIAN, JOHN-JOSEP	\$40,673.00
KIELINEN, DONNA K	\$47,503.00	MARKIEWICZ, RENEE J	\$46,240.16
KILLOUGH-MILLER, RUSSEL	\$54,337.00	MARSHALL, MAUREEN M	\$126,650.00
KOERNER, ANDREW J	\$52,970.00	MARSHALL, PHYLLIS S	\$29,960.00
KOLESNIK, ROBERT S	\$60,265.00	MARTINELLI, DENISE A	\$43,664.00
KONDE, BEVERLY M	\$54,257.00	MARUCA, CHRISTINE L	\$45,567.00
KORZEC, PATRICIA C	\$18,582.62	MCCARTHY, KATHLEEN	\$17,688.84
KOVACH, CYNTHIA M	\$32,822.28	MCCARTHY, MATTHEW D	\$32,052.80
KOWAL, SHAWNA L	\$11,181.24	MCCORMACK, MARY M	\$44,414.00
KREMS, EMILY R	\$34,772.00	MCCRONE, ANN C	\$13,587.72
KULARSKI, ELLEN R	\$28,261.60	MCDONALD, SHERRY	\$18,582.62
LACROIX, SANDRA M	\$40,149.60	MCDONALD, TRACEY E	\$52,407.00
LAKE, ANNE MARIE	\$18,115.72	MCMORROW, DIANE K	\$31,340.40
LAKSO, PATRICIA A	\$44,420.00	MCNAMARA, ROBERT G	\$15,420.76
LAM, NICOLETTE	\$19,049.52	MCNIFF, PAUL S	\$55,592.00
LAPATI, DONA L	\$56,989.00	MEDEIROS, CARLA M	\$15,151.86
LAPERLE, MICHAEL J	\$29,960.00	MELANSON, DAVID E	\$58,477.00
LAPORTE, MARJORIE FERRIN	\$36,105.00	MELANSON, KAREN A	\$62,340.00
LAROSE, SUSAN E	\$49,741.00	MILLER, BERNICE A	\$24,405.42
LATAILLE, DAWN R	\$34,772.00	MILLER, BERNICE A	\$1,143.80
LAUNDIS, CLAUDIA C	\$27,667.20	MILLER, KAREN A	\$44,772.00
LAVIOLETTE, PRISCILLA H	\$58,477.00	MILLER, MOLLY A	\$15,852.34
LEBLANC, JOANNE M	\$16,771.72	MIRABILE, KATHLEEN R	\$16,328.16
LEBLANC, NANCY Z	\$750.00	MOEBUS, GARY W	\$53,371.00
LEDoux, CHRISTINE J	\$36,073.00	MONFREDO, JOHN C	\$46,138.00
LEROUX, ANDREA P	\$47,503.00	MORELLO, PAUL J	\$55,842.00
LEVETT, THOMAS R	\$37,377.00	MORREALE, CATHRYN A	\$51,195.00

MORRIS, REBECCA L	\$55,852.00	PETTY, LINDA M	\$53,511.00
MORRISON, DEBORAH M	\$17,278.36	PIERMARINI, SUE	\$40,916.00
MUIR, SHEILA A	\$50,236.00	PIMENTAL, JOHN J	\$47,000.00
MURRAY, GEORGE V	\$33,571.20	PITISCI, NANCY R	\$21,910.45
MUSNICKI, SUSANNE R	\$75,810.00	PITISCI, RONALD A	\$32,052.80
MUSNICKI, TONI	\$37,377.00	PLANTE, MICHAEL W	\$18,545.60
NEWTON, EDWARD R	\$44,996.00	PLUMB, SANDRA G	\$55,842.00
NICHOLS, CAROLYN M	\$55,592.00	PODBELSKI, NATHAN A	\$37,377.00
NICHOLS, IDA S	\$17,278.36	POIRIER, HELEN V	\$59,884.00
NICHOLS, ROBERT E	\$25,945.60	POWERS, JENNIFER E	\$36,073.00
NICHOLS, SANDRA A	\$62,350.00	PYLE, CHARLES J	\$61,664.00
NOEL, ROBERT E	\$35,172.80	QUINLAN, MARY	\$30,492.56
NOSEL, CHRISTINE R	\$43,200.00	RATTE, PATRICIA A	\$21,686.44
NOWICKI, SALLY A	\$24,368.00	REED, VIRGINIA S	\$53,720.00
O'CONNOR, JEAN F	\$18,672.39	REMELIUS, FAE ELLEN	\$59,884.00
O'CONNOR, MARTIN J	\$19,456.00	RENAUD, JEANETTE F	\$50,236.00
O'DONNELL, LINDA T	\$55,842.00	RICCIARDI, CHRISTINE T	\$17,278.36
O'DONNELL, PAUL M	\$31,708.00	RICH, EUGENE M	\$38,678.00
OHMAN, MARGARET	\$19,049.52	RICHARDS, ALICE M	\$56,554.00
OLSON, BETHANY G	\$47,503.00	ROBINSON, BONNIE R	\$18,672.39
OMILANOWICZ, DOROTHY A	\$61,265.00	ROBINSON, KATHY A	\$15,151.86
O'NEIL, CHRISTINA E	\$16,771.72	ROGOWSKI, LINDA M	\$17,255.29
ORTOLINO, SHANNON M	\$43,886.00	ROSBURY, NANCY M	\$59,634.00
PAGE, BARBARA G	\$43,403.00	ROTTI, JANICE E	\$15,927.96
PAIGE, PATRICIA A	\$17,278.36	ROUSSEAU, JULIE	\$28,561.60
PARADIS, JANET E	\$53,073.00	ROUTHIER, LU-ANN	\$14,375.76
PARSONS, BETTYANNE	\$38,149.60	ROY, NANCEE J	\$39,666.00
PASCALE, HELENE A	\$56,989.00	ROY-CLARK, PETER B	\$44,215.00
PATTERSON, CAMILLE R	\$29,960.00	RUCKI, DIANA L	\$56,453.00
PATTERSON, FRANK O	\$35,672.80	RUGGLES, KELLIE A	\$44,772.00
PAULA, JOAN V	\$74,156.00	RUSSELL, GERALD H	\$40,800.00
PAULA, RICHARD M	\$61,634.00	RYDING, CAROL A	\$32,420.80
PEABODY, DAVID N	\$29,960.00	SACRAMONE, JASON D	\$42,039.00
PEABODY, DONNA M	\$368.00	SAINT DENIS, LINDA R	\$16,771.72
PEARSALL, CAROL J	\$30,372.35	SALVADORE, LAURIE J	\$57,239.00
PEEK, HEIDI	\$36,573.00	SAMPSON, KIRK R	\$29,960.00
PELLEY, DEBORAH R	\$40,404.00	SARABIA, MARCELINO	\$59,281.00
PELTIER, JOAN N	\$18,672.39	SAVARD, LINDA G	\$57,680.00
PEREIRA, ROBERT J	\$58,227.00	SAYRE, PATRICIA A	\$39,367.30
PERREAULT, MARIE J	\$17,278.36	SCANLAN, CATHLEEN C	\$69,890.00
PETERSON, KARLA V	\$54,257.00	SCHOOLCRAFT, MARY K	\$14,247.12
PETERSON, KRISTY J	\$12,145.14	SCHUBERT, THEODORE J	\$36,073.00

SERRA, CHRISTINE L	\$15,927.96	VEROLINI, NORENE J	\$28,379.20
SESTITO, PAUL E	\$39,666.00	VERRATTI, KATHLEEN J	\$7,706.91
SHAULIS, JAMES E	\$29,960.00	VIGUE, NOEL R	\$50,596.00
SHELDON, ARTHUR G	\$46,327.00	VYCE, JANICE A	\$39,980.00
SHELDON, LAURIE A	\$37,938.00	WAITE, CLARISSA L	\$52,621.00
SJOBERG, KATIE M	\$7,000.00	WALSH, ERIN K	\$14,390.46
SKOWYRA, PATRICIA	\$37,649.60	WHEELER, JAMES D	\$51,195.00
SKRZYPCZAK, ANN M	\$62,350.00	WHEELER, LISA A	\$48,871.00
SOUSA, CAROL A	\$64,766.00	WHITE, KRISTIN L	\$46,138.00
SPENCER, LINDA L	\$59,884.00	WHITE, PAUL W	\$25,945.60
SPINNEY, TRISIA L	\$40,673.00	WHITMORE, CAROL D	\$62,600.00
SPOONER, JOHN M	\$58,227.00	WIDING, MAUREEN A	\$53,507.00
ST. JEAN, JAN T	\$52,407.00	WILLIAMS, JANETH H	\$53,073.00
STAITI, KIM S	\$4,333.00	WILLIAMS, JOANN	\$47,791.00
STEKL, NANCY A	\$48,871.00	WILLIAMS, MARTHA	\$22,304.48
STEVENS, ERIN A	\$45,188.00	WILLIAMS, MATTHEW S	\$10,515.12
NEWCOMB, SHERRIE L	\$64,480.00	WISNEWSKI, BRENDA	\$17,278.36
STEWART, ASHLEY B	\$34,772.00	WITASZEK, ALICE E	\$53,148.00
STEWART, DUNCAN L	\$70,966.00	WITKOS, RENEE L	\$10,956.40
STEWART, LESLIE B	\$38,678.00	WORTHINGTON, PATRICIA A	\$62,350.00
STEWART, TODD D	\$37,377.00	WROBEL, LINDA	\$61,265.00
STICKLE, RICHARD K	\$58,477.00	YOUNG, BRIAN T	\$55,703.00
STOCKWELL, SUSAN E	\$54,257.00	YOUNGS, CAROL N	\$67,041.50
STOLZ, PATRICIA A	\$36,649.60	ZALNERAITIS, BARBARA A	\$17,255.29
STUART, DEBRA A	\$56,304.00	ZALNERAITIS, MICHELLE M	\$34,772.00
SULLIVAN, JEANETTE M	\$20,516.42	ZALNERAITIS, RICHARD P	\$54,175.00
SULLIVAN, KEVIN W	\$37,457.00	ZAORSKI, STEPHEN M	\$37,377.00
SYPTERAS, LILIANA E	\$6,793.86	ZOLA, JEAN G	\$56,304.00
SZAFAROWICZ, PATRICIA A	\$47,077.00		
TERRIEN, DEBORAH A	\$56,554.00		
TILBURG, AMY L	\$21,903.20		
TOOMEY, CHRISTINE M	\$14,247.12		
TOPPER, LISA A	\$7,261.38		
TURCOTTE, JANE C	\$54,257.00		
TWAROG, SUSAN C	\$62,350.00		
VAILLANCOURT, SASHA L	\$42,864.00		
VALARDI, JR, EDWARD J	\$29,960.00		
VALARDI, SR, EDWARD J	\$32,052.80		
VARIN, KERRY E	\$60,424.00		
VARNEY, RACHEL M	\$34,772.00		
VASSEUR, CARRIE A	\$37,377.00		
VERHEYEN, DOROTHY J	\$56,304.00		

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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For FY 2002, the town's valuation by class, as well as the percent of the tax levy by each class were approved by the Department of Revenue as follows:

CLASS	VALUATION BY CLASS	LEVY BY CLASS	LEVY PERCENTAGE
Residential	104,722,616	1,244,104.68	92.4119%
Open Space	-0-	-0-	-0-
Commercial	4,619,899	54,884.40	4.0768%
Industrial	925,000	10,989.00	0.8163%
Personal Property	3,054,040	36,282.00	2.6950%
	113,321,555	1,346,260.08	100%

These values reflect an overall increase of approximately \$82,470 from FY 2001. We had approximately \$43,939 in "new growth". On November 12, 2002, the Board of Selectmen voted to maintain the present system of using a single tax rate for all classes of property.

FY 2002 was a revaluation year; a state mandated recertification of property values. With the increase in property values to reflect the current market and the increase in new construction, the tax rate was at a 6 year low - \$11.88 per thousand dollars.

The CAMA computer system was updated from dos based to windows based. Although we had many unforeseen problems during the conversion, in the future this new software will make the computer system much more efficient.

There were no personnel changes in the office. The board members and working assessors remained the same. Kathleen Usher was re-elected to the Board.

The Board of Assessors will continue their inspections of properties and updating of records throughout the town.

TOWN OF OAKHAM RECAPITULATION OF TAX RATE 2002

Appropriations	
Raise and Appropriate	2,021,477.81
Cherry Sheet Offsets	2,803.00
Cherry Sheet Charges	5,457.00
Overlay	35,030.08
Estimated Receipts	
Cherry Sheet	289,418.00
Local Receipts	213,400.00
Free Cash	145,367.32
Other Funds	70,322.49
Total Taxes Levied	1,346,260.08

The total appropriations less state and local receipts and transfers, shows the net amount to be raised by taxation. This number divided by the total valuation of the town, gives us the tax rate.

Respectfully,

Vanessa Landyn - Chairperson
Tabitha Tashjian - 2nd Member
Kathleen Usher - Clerk

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects	Trusts and Agency	Long Term Debt	Total (memorandum)
Assets:						
Cash - Fleet Bank	720,032			325,191		1,045,224
Trust Fund Cash - Fleet Bank						0
Personal Property Receivable	10,869					10,869
Real Estate Receivable	29,121					29,121
Tax Title Receivable	55,462					55,462
Motor Vehicle Excise Receivables	23,426					23,426
Title V Loan Program Receivables	36,386					36,386
Due to Other Funds		166,150	3,870	28,261		198,280
Due From State		(17,487)				(17,487)
Authorized Chapter 90 Funding		113,432				113,432
Amount to be Provided for Long Term Debt Obligations					848,125	848,125
Total Asset	\$ 875,296	\$ 262,094	\$ 3,870	\$ 353,452	\$ 848,125	\$ 2,342,837
Liabilities:						
Abatements & Exemptions	51,124					51,124
Deferred Rev. - Property Tax	44,329					44,329
Deferred Rev. - Other	59,811	113,432				173,243
Due from General Fund	180,793					180,793
Long Term Debt Payables					848,125	848,125
Total Liability	336,056	113,432	0	0	848,125	1,297,613
Fund Balance:						
F/B Reserved Subsequent Yr. Exp	251,450					251,450
F/B Reserved For Encumbrances	58,359					58,359
F/B Reserved For Expenditures		148,662	3,870	268,712		421,243
F/B Non-Expendable Trust Funds				84,740		84,740
F/B Undesignated Fund Balance	229,431					229,431
Total Fund Balance	539,240	148,662	3,870	353,452	0	1,045,224
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances:	\$ 875,296	\$ 262,094	\$ 3,870	\$ 353,452	\$ 848,125	\$ 2,342,837

General Fund
Statement of Expenditure
For the Year Ended June 30, 2002

Account Name	Carried From Fiscal 2001	Fiscal 2002 Appropriation	Reserve Fund Transfers	Expenditures	Carried To Fiscal 2003	Unexpended Balance
Moderator		150.00		150.00		0.00
Board of Selectmen		9,125.00		8,786.94		338.06
Town Accountant/Admin. Assistant		23,825.00		23,825.00		0.00
Finance Committee		575.00		395.96		179.04
Reserve Fund		15,000.00	(14,232.63)	0.00		767.37
Board of Assessors	1,500.00	24,399.00		23,363.36		2,535.64
Treasurer		8,425.00		8,395.85		29.15
Town Collector		10,080.00		10,044.23		35.77
Town Council		15,850.89	9,159.72	24,889.14		121.47
Treasurer Foreclosure Expenses	4,511.28	0.00		1,350.50	3,160.78	0.00
Collector Tax Title Expenses		500.00		0.00		500.00
Town Clerk		5,400.00		5,226.97		173.03
Town Clerk Election		1,950.00		1,814.74		135.26
Town Clerk Census		1,776.00		1,441.66		334.34
Conservation Commission		160.00		160.00		0.00
Planning Board		660.00	949.42	1,549.42		60.00
Zoning Appeals Board		200.00		40.00		160.00
C.M.R.P.C. Assessment		300.00		297.33		2.67
Town Hall Expenses		18,300.00		16,134.68		2,165.32
Town Hall Boiler Rep. Study		5,000.00		2,500.00		2,500.00
Annual Town Report		1,500.00		1,166.60		333.40
Municipal Building Utilities		16,000.00		14,640.68		1,359.32
Police Department Chief Salary		42,750.00		41,599.01		1,150.99
Police Department Expenses		43,266.00	1,201.04	44,466.04		1.00
Fire Department	789.40	38,520.00	2,620.00	38,772.04		3,157.36
Fire Dept. / Upgrade SCBA's		20,400.00		20,400.00		0.00
Fire Dept. / Matching Grant Funds		2,500.00		0.00		2,500.00
Dispatching		27,690.00		27,007.64		682.36
Ambulance		35,595.00		24,237.63		11,357.37
Zoning Enforcement Officer		873.00		778.40		94.60
Animal Inspector Salary		500.00		500.00		0.00
Civil Defense		100.00		0.00		100.00
Dog Officer		3,600.00		1,621.00		1,979.00
Tree Warden		1,000.00		929.00		71.00

Account Name	Carried From Fiscal 2000	Fiscal 2001 Appropriation	Reserve Fund Transfers	Expenditures	Carried To Fiscal 2002	Unexpended Balance
Quabbin Reg. Assessment		879,209.00		879,209.00		0.00
Quabbin Reg. Bond Costs		138,907.00		138,907.00		0.00
Vocational Education		92,000.00		83,485.06		8,514.94
Highway Department Salaries		99,460.00		90,833.94		8,626.06
Highway Department Expenses		51,565.00		43,889.61		7,675.39
Highway / Lawn Tractor		6,800.00		6,800.00		0.00
Highway Snow and Ice		31,630.00		28,667.57		2,962.43
Street Lights		3,300.00	302.45	3,585.93		16.52
Cemetery		3,075.00		3,075.00		0.00
Board of Health		1,450.00		573.50		876.50
Council on Aging		3,775.00		3,554.93		220.07
Veterans' Agent		2,800.00		1,641.84		1,158.16
Library		24,325.00		22,295.15		2,029.85
Library / Capital Repairs	2,015.02	50,000.00		0.00	52,015.02	0.00
Parks and Recreation		5,250.00		5,244.10		5.90
Historical Commission		100.00		0.00		100.00
Arts Council / Supplies		200.00		200.00		0.00
Debt Payments - Principal		45,625.00		45,625.00		0.00
Debt Payments - Interest		42,864.00		42,863.12		0.88
Treasurer Short Term Interest		4,000.00		255.60		3,744.40
Water Treatment System	15,700.00	0.00		14,255.00		1,445.00
Town Share Medicare		5,000.00		4,489.60		510.40
Group Insurance		20,600.00		17,257.51		3,342.49
Worc. County Retirement Assessment		18,105.00		18,105.00		0.00
Blanket Insurance		40,000.00		27,322.00		12,678.00
Wachusett Home Health Aid		1,279.00		1,279.00		0.00
TOTALS	\$ 24,515.70	\$ 1,947,288.89	\$ -	\$ 1,829,898.28	\$ 55,175.80	\$ 86,730.51

Statement of Special Revenue Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2002

Account Name	Opening Balance	Revenues		Expenditures		Available Balance
		Interest	Receipts	Wages	Other	
<u>State Grants:</u>						
Community Policing	1,585.60		10,000.00	7,303.36	4,085.05	197.19
Dare Grant	5,811.43		200.00	800.00	1,771.52	3,439.91
Watch Your Car Grant	675.00					675.00
Fire Department Grant	366.98				366.98	0.00
Title V Loan Program	63,520.42	5,319.31	19,133.43		12,018.00	75,955.16
Community Septic Management	13,857.71	321.61				14,179.32
COA Grant	0.00		2,600.00		2,600.00	0.00
Library Grant	13,405.32		2,803.16		50.37	16,158.11
Cultural Council (Arts Council)	2,330.05	27.61	3,300.00		4,596.78	1,060.88
	101,552.51	5,668.53	38,036.59	8,103.36	25,488.70	111,665.57
<u>Revolving Funds (Chapter 53E 1/2)</u>						
BOH Agent Fees	1,276.00		9,875.00	9,560.00		1,591.00
Building Inspector Fees	0.00		9,142.92	9,142.92		0.00
Dog Officer Fees	3,447.80		2,768.00		537.89	5,677.91
Fire Inspector Fees	0.00		1,135.00	1,135.00		0.00
Plumbing Inspector Fees	0.00		780.00	780.00		0.00
Town Collector Fees	1,944.00		5,309.00	6,535.00		718.00
Town Collector Deputy Fees	711.00		1,614.00	2,234.00		91.00
Town Clerk Fees	863.85		2,989.95	1,404.35	1,462.50	986.95
Wire Inspector Fees	0.00		2,025.00	2,025.00		0.00
	8,242.65	0.00	35,638.87	32,816.27	2,000.39	9,064.86

Account Name	Revenues			Expenditures		Available Balance
	Opening Balance	Interest	Receipts	Wages	Other	
<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>						
Ambulance Receipts Reserved	4,907.18		29,025.13		29,350.00	4,582.31
Parks & Recreation Fees	5,719.83		6,009.97		4,433.46	7,296.34
Conservation Wetland Protection	2,127.06		672.75			2,799.81
Planning Board Special Revenue	4,892.00	179.45	29,728.10		9,059.91	25,739.64
	17,646.07	179.45	65,435.95	0.00	42,843.37	40,418.10
<u>Donation Funds</u>						
Police Law Enforcement Trust	250.30					250.30
Ambulance Donations	1,197.00		2,235.00		2,181.00	1,251.00
Fire Department Donations	0.00		150.00		0.00	150.00
COA Donations (Herald Account)	939.11		70.00		40.80	968.31
Library Donations and Fines	1,710.88		120.49			1,831.37
	4,097.29	0.00	2,575.49	0.00	2,221.80	4,450.98
<u>Project Funds</u>						
Municipal Building Project	1,829.17				1,602.30	226.87
Landfill Closure	3,812.87				170.00	3,642.87
	5,642.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,772.30	3,869.74
<u>Agency Funds</u>						
Police Road Details	60.96		16,524.75	16,524.75		60.96
Police Pistol Permits	1,354.88		1,670.00	1,034.89	1,439.99	550.00
Highway Driveway Permits	25,000.00		7,200.00		4,000.00	28,200.00
	26,415.84	0.00	25,394.75	17,559.64	5,439.99	28,810.96

Account Name	Opening Balance	Revenues			Expenditures		Available Balance
		Interest	Receipts	Wages	Other		
<u>Non-Expendable Trust Funds</u>							
Fobes Memorial Library	18,307.33						18,307.33
Library Trust	26,033.98						26,033.98
Henry Wright Trust	255.45						255.45
Cemetery Perpetual Care	34,843.60		300.00				35,143.60
Alden Fund Stocks	5,000.00						5,000.00
	84,440.36	0.00	300.00	0.00	0.00		84,740.36
<u>Expendable Trust Funds</u>							
Fobes Library Trust	10,510.41	1,619.28					12,129.69
Oakham Library Trust	9,242.30	1,982.17					11,224.47
Henry Wright Trust	146.65	22.60					169.25
Cemetery Expendable Trust	13,814.78	2,750.18	3,080.00		4,922.48		14,722.48
Sam Dean Legacy	8,832.20	496.28					9,328.48
War Memorial	700.66	39.37					740.03
Post War Rehab	3,645.67	204.86					3,850.53
Alden Fund	46,698.26	2,623.94			1,066.31		48,255.89
Stabilization Fund	92,581.51	4,448.33	43,000.00				140,029.84
	186,172.44	14,187.01	46,080.00	0.00	5,988.79		240,450.66
Grand Totals	\$ 434,209.20	\$ 20,034.99	\$ 213,461.65	\$ 58,479.27	\$ 85,755.34	\$	523,471.23

General Fund Revenues
For the Year Ended June 30, 2002

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<u>Revenue</u>			
State Aid	289,418	286,899	(2,519)
Property Taxes	1,346,260	1,361,062	14,802
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes	108,700	176,494	67,794
Penalties and interest on taxes	7,000	14,274	7,274
Payments in lieu of taxes	70,000	76,982	6,982
Other Departmental Revenue	7,500	7,951	451
Licenses and permits	1,200	1,444	244
Fines and forfeitures	9,000	6,700	(2,300)
Investment income	10,000	7,256	(2,744)
	<u>1,559,660</u>	<u>1,652,163</u>	<u>89,984</u>
 <u>Other Financing Sources</u>			
Transfer from Stabilization Fund	<u>29,350</u>	<u>29,350</u>	<u>0</u>
 Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	<u>\$ 1,589,010</u>	<u>\$ 1,681,513</u>	<u>\$ 89,984</u>

Debt Schedule
As of June 30, 2002

Municipal Building Debt:

Borrowed \$ 725,000 from U. S. D. A. Rural Development 1999
Final Payment January 2039, Annual Interest Rate 4.75%

Principal Balance as of July 1, 2001	688,750.00	
Principal Payment during Fiscal 2002	<u>18,125.00</u>	
Balance as of June 30, 2002		670,625.00

Equipment Long Term Debt:

State House Note, Final Payment July 2010
Borrowed \$70,000 for Backhoe Purchase, and
\$135,000 for Fire Truck Purchase

Principal Balance as of July 1, 2001	205,000.00	
Principal Payment during Fiscal 2002	<u>27,500.00</u>	
Balance as of June 30, 2002		<u>177,500.00</u>

Total Town Debt		\$ <u>848,125.00</u>
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TOWN COLLECTOR

The Town Collector received and paid to the Town Treasurer the following amounts.

These amounts were received for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2002.

Real Estate

2002	1275403.25
2001	28305.22
2000	2019.32

Personal Property

2002	35807.42
2001	2708.25
2000	33.93
1997	52.80

Motor Vehicle

2002	143201.85
2001	30607.25
2000	5614.28
1999	105.84
1997	31.56

Other

Title V Septic Loan Principal	19133.43
Title V Septic Loan Interest	4917.07
Chapter Land Withdrawal Tax and Interest	2904.00
General Fund	69.92
Flagging Fees for Registry of Motor Vehicles	620.00
Deputy Tax Collector Charges and Fees	1614.00
Town Collector Charges and Fees	1510.00
Municipal Lien Certificates	3750.00
Interest Added to Delinquent Bills	5810.93
Bank Interest	625.75

TOTAL	1564846.07
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Respectfully submitted,
Susan J. Carpenter
Town Collector

TREASURER FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2002

GENERAL FUND

CASH

BALANCE JULY 1,2001	\$	485,193.92	
Cash received during the year	\$	2,256,581.48	
Cash Available	\$	2,741,775.40	
Cash disbursed during the year	\$	2,173,970.89	
BALANCE JUNE 30,2002	\$	567,804.51	

TRUST FUNDS

Library Funds:			
Forbes Memorial Library	\$	30,437.02	
Oakham Library	\$	37,258.46	
Oakham Library and Park	\$	424.70	\$ 68,120.18
Stabilization Fund		Fleet Trust	\$ 140,029.84
		Peoples Bank	
Cemetery Funds			\$ 51,108.56
Sam Dean Legacy Fund			\$ 9,328.48
War Memorial Fund			\$ 740.03
Post War Rehab Fund			\$ 3,850.53
Arts Council			\$ 0.01
Alden Fund			
Cash	\$	46,698.26	
Securities, at cost *	\$	5,000.00	\$ 51,698.26
* Market value of Alden Fund Investments of approximately \$232444.36 are not included. 16052.79 shares at \$14.48 per share.			
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS			\$ 324,875.89

Respectfully Submitted,

Edna G. Holloway

Treasurer

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C O N T A C T S

<u>Ambulance - Non-Emergency</u>	882-5555
Chief Richard Howe	
<u>Board of Assessors</u>	882-5549
Vanessa Landyn, Working Assessor	
Office Hours: Wednesday & Thursday 9:00a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	
Meetings: 1 st and 3 rd Monday 7:00p.m. – 8:15 p.m.	
<u>Board of Health</u>	882-5549
Meetings: 1 st and 3 rd Monday 7:30p.m.	
<u>Building Inspector</u>	882-5549
Joe Sansoucy	
Office Hours: 1 st and 3 rd Monday 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	
<u>Conservation Commission</u>	882-5549
Meetings: 1 st Tuesday 7:30 p.m.	
<u>Council on Aging</u>	882-5251
Meetings: Last Thursday 7:00p.m.	
<u>Dog Officer</u>	882-3986
Tom Bolack	
<u>Fire Department</u>	
Non-Emergency Dispatch	882-5555
Office Phone	882-5218
Chief Richard Howe	
<u>Highway</u>	882-5556
C. Kevin Currier, Superintendent	
<u>Library</u>	882-3372
Maude Stone, Librarian	
Hours: Tuesday, Thursday 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	
<u>Planning Board</u>	882-5549
Meetings: 3 rd Monday 7:00 p.m.	
<u>Plumbing Inspector</u>	882-3308
Byron Carpenter (no scheduled office hours)	
<u>Police Department</u>	
Non-Emergency Dispatch	882-3347
Office Phone	882-3273
Chief Donald Haapakowski	
<u>Selectmen</u>	882-5549
Carol Poole Administrative Assistant	
Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	
Meetings: Every other Mondays 7:30 p.m.	
<u>Town Collector</u>	882-5549
Susan Carpenter	
Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Monday Evenings 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	
<u>Town Clerk</u>	882-5549
Christine Mardirosian	
Office Hours: Monday 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and Wednesday s 6:00 p.m – 7:30 p.m.,	
<u>Treasurer</u>	882-5549
Edna Holloway	
Office Hours: Monday 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	
<u>Wire Inspector</u>	882-3864
Denis delaGorgiendere (no scheduled office hours)	

